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# TEST 1

## I. Choose the words that best complete the sentences in the text.

Earthquakes are amongst the most destructive ..... (1) disasters. They usually ..... (2) without any warning and ..... (3) in a great ..... (4) of life and an enormous demolition of buildings. Additionally, they may cause devastating landslides or create gigantic tidal waves which, in ..... (5), are colossal walls of water smashing into seashores with such force that they are ..... (6) of destroying coastal cities. However, the ..... (7) majority of fatalities and serious injuries ..... (8) about when buildings ..... (9) .

Most frequently, the earthquake lasts 30 to 60 seconds, so usually there is no time to ..... (10) the mortal ..... (11) once the shaking starts. The savage forces of an earthquake trigger ..... (12) a complex chain ..... (13) in the building's structure when it is shaken, lifted, pushed or pulled. A building's height, its shape and construction materials are the most significant ..... (14) deciding about the survival or collapse of the structure and, consequently, about the life or death of its ..... (15).

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|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. a) nature    | b) naturalistic | c) natural     | d) native      |
| 2. a) hit       | b) strike       | c) fall        | d) attack      |
| 3. a) result    | b) effect       | c) lead        | d) cause       |
| 4. a) fatality  | b) waste        | c) harm        | d) loss        |
| 5. a) fact      | b) certainty    | c) honesty     | d) truth       |
| 6. a) potential | b) conceivable  | c) capable     | d) possible    |
| 7. a) wide      | b) broad        | c) full        | d) vast        |
| 8. a) bring     | b) come         | c) lay         | d) make        |
| 9. a) demolish  | b) jumble       | c) destroy     | d) collapse    |
| 10. a) avert    | b) evade        | c) abstain     | d) restrain    |
| 11. a) upkeep   | b) upturn       | c) upshot      | d) uptake      |
| 12. a) up       | b) on           | c) out         | d) off         |
| 13. a) activity | b) motion       | c) progress    | d) reaction    |
| 14. a) factors  | b) phenomena    | c) points      | d) ingredients |
| 15. a) settlers | b) citizens     | c) inhabitants | d) burghers    |

## II. Put the words in the correct form.

1. Does it make any ..... (DIFFER) to them if we pay by cheque?
2. The two boys should receive a just punishment. Their ..... (BEHAVE) at the inauguration ceremony was really outrageous.
3. Couldn't you provide us with a more ..... (PRACTICE) scheme? The one you have just devised is not sensible at all.
4. As a matter of fact, the realisation of the project itself isn't so ..... (TROUBLE) as the initial conditions we have to accept.
5. Jason is the most ..... (TRUTH) person I know. He never tells lies.
6. Mutual accusations will get you nowhere. You'd better try to find a more reasonable ..... (SOLVE) to your conflict.
7. The main cause of the current crisis in the party seems to be the deep ..... (DIVIDE) between its members.
8. It's most ..... (FASHION) among youths these days to spend their free time in the cinema.
9. Unfortunately, none of us managed to convince the director of the benefits that our experiment might bring. His ..... (APPROVE) grew even stronger when Jack mentioned the possible cost of the venture.
10. Cindy and Mike's close ..... (FRIEND) finally developed into a profound feeling and culminated in their marriage last year.
11. Nobody has applied for the mission knowing how ..... (HAZARD) it may be.
12. Tom has lost his ..... (CONFIDE) in conventional medicine after many years of unsuccessful treatment and has opted for acupuncture.
13. 'What's the ..... (LONG) of this rope?' 'It's six metres long.'
14. Mark's been terribly busy this week. It's ..... (DOUBT) whether he'll attend our performance tomorrow.
15. 'Why didn't they react to my warning?'  
'They might not have understood its discreet ..... (MEAN).'

## III. Insert the correct prepositions.

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**AT    BETWEEN    BY    IN    FOR    FROM    OF    ON    WITH**

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1. Although Mrs Parker was bitterly jealous ..... her friends' higher wages in the company, she managed to avoid making sharp comments.
2. The committee doesn't support any immediate changes. They say the modifications should be introduced step ..... step.

3. The landlord was very generous to us. All that we consumed in his inn was ..... the house.
4. We can't give up. Now that we have gone through the most difficult part of the route we must reach Khartoum ..... any cost.
5. If you had informed us ..... advance that you wouldn't be giving any seminar we wouldn't have gone to the trouble of making all the necessary arrangements.
6. Jack's great interest ..... Unidentified Flying Objects seems quite odd to his friends, but the boy considers it an absorbing hobby.
7. What unavoidably makes me angry ..... Frank is his inability to take prompt decisions.
8. The football star is going to spend holidays in a secluded place where he expects to hide ..... the curious journalists and photographers.
9. All the candidates, except ..... Mr Jenkins, have scored the required number of points.
10. Customers used to complain about the high prices of food, meat ..... particular.
11. Learning this long definition ..... heart, at first, seemed an impossible task. But, finally, I was successful ..... memorizing it.
12. Instead ..... a long speech at the beginning of the meeting, the chairman only gave a short welcome to all the participants.
13. Only Mark was keen ..... going fishing early in the morning. The rest of the company felt too tired after their long journey.
14. Tell the children to stop fooling around or I'll lose my patience ..... them.
15. There's no difference ..... price ..... these two printers.

**IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.**

1. It wasn't Tom that you saw in the department store, for sure.  
**It couldn't** .....
2. We had to call the doctor because the baby had a high temperature (**because of**).  
.....
3. If I were you, I wouldn't tell anybody about the discovery.  
**You had** .....
4. The boys laughed at the man in spite of his old age. (**fun of**)  
.....

5. You are all welcome to take any food you like.

Help .....

6. What was the reason for his resignation? (made)

.....?

7. Did the children enjoy themselves during the performance? (good time)

.....?

8. We haven't had any message from him since March. (heard)

.....

9. You don't have to worry about the future. (no need)

There .....

10. All the students were awarded diplomas.

Every .....

#### V. Choose the correct answer.

1. If you go on ..... me like this, I will never be able to finish writing my report.

- a) disturbing      b) afflicting      c) concerning      d) affecting

2. Turn off this machine, please. The harsh sound really ..... me crazy.

- a) takes      b) worries      c) drives      d) bothers

3. Everyone knew that ..... this task would require a considerable effort.

- a) working      b) engaging      c) making      d) completing

4. Mr Tanner did his best to fix the faulty oven, but his ..... at repairing electrical devices wasn't good enough to succeed.

- a) service      b) skill      c) technique      d) craft

5. Judy didn't ..... for a second to agree to Mike's proposal as she had been in love with the boy for a long time.

- a) decide      b) linger      c) hesitate      d) await

6. Don't get so nervous about his coming late. When you get to know him better, you'll learn to take it .....

- a) easy      b) loose      c) nice      d) fine

7. The inconsiderate driver was ..... for parking his vehicle in the wrong place.

- a) inflicted      b) condemned      c) harrassed      d) fined



8. The idea to ..... a visit to the local council residence was welcomed by all the visitors.  
a) do      b) pay      c) go      d) walk
9. His ..... of the safety regulations really can't be ignored any longer.  
a) disregard      b) unfamiliarity      c) carelessness      d) inattention
10. Let's ..... the place, it looks so gloomy and unpleasant.  
a) miss      b) abandon      c) depart      d) disappear
11. What you are saying is quite ....., so give us, please, more details on the situation.  
a) famous      b) accustomed      c) obvious      d) familiar
12. For a short while, I managed to catch ..... of the President entering the palace.  
a) vision      b) notice      c) view      d) sight
13. The suggestion to leave the camp at once was strongly ..... by the climbers who were afraid of the approaching snowstorm.  
a) opposed      b) complained      c) quarreled      d) resigned
14. The first thing for all of you to remember is that ..... your duties may result in an instant dismissal!  
a) escaping      b) neglecting      c) resisting      d) missing
15. It was the commission's job to decide whether the pilot was ..... for the crash that occurred right after the take-off.  
a) responsible      b) prone      c) guilty      d) comprehensive
16. None of us has ever ..... of taking any rash steps against illegal broadcasting.  
a) declared      b) persisted      c) approved      d) concluded
17. Several soldiers of the squad were taken ..... by the enemy forces.  
a) capture      b) hostage      c) kidnap      d) torture
18. The student was ..... of understanding the theory even after the professor's profound explanation.  
a) incompetent      b) incapable      c) helpless      d) unsuccessful
19. I'm going for a walk in the park. Would you like to ..... me company?  
a) follow      b) stay      c) ward      d) keep
20. Patrick is too ..... a gambler to resist placing a bet on the final game.  
a) instant      b) spontaneous      c) compulsive      d) continuous

# TEST 2

## I. Replace each italicized words with a synonymous one.

It is believed that our *inherited* (1) genetic characteristics play the *decisive* (2) role in our being beautiful, attractive and appealing to other individuals. Although there is no *clear* (3) theory on what beauty really is and how it works, the results of a recent scientific *research* (4) seem to *confirm* (5) the hypothesis that our facial features are *determined* (6) by our brains. Their possible role is to *reflect* (7) health and fertility as well as genetic superiority - the quality that people, *supposedly* (8), share with animals which, like humans, have their own sexual preferences. Most species of birds, for example, rely on the brightest colours of plumage when *selecting* (9) their *partners* (10). To them, the vivid *shades* (11) of the feathers indicate the potential partner's genetic fitness to produce healthy *children* (12).

In humans, similarly, beauty *shows* (13) our well-being and our sexual attractiveness, but as far as our facial characteristics are taken into account, people *tend* (14) to regard as extremely *charming* (15) the faces with the highest degree of symmetry. And equally effectively, the facial properties may also indicate the appeal of the whole body.

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|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. a) indebted      | b) derivative  | c) innate      | d) acquisitive |
| 2. a) vital         | b) functional  | c) tangible    | d) customary   |
| 3. a) eminent       | b) obscure     | c) indicative  | d) explicit    |
| 4. a) chore         | b) endeavour   | c) inquiry     | d) labour      |
| 5. a) bear out      | b) stand down  | c) prop up     | d) make about  |
| 6. a) reliant       | b) conditioned | c) implied     | d) designated  |
| 7. a) manifest      | b) pertain     | c) survey      | d) uncover     |
| 8. a) plainly       | b) normally    | c) allegedly   | d) mainly      |
| 9. a) favouring     | b) postulating | c) referring   | d) asserting   |
| 10. a) counterparts | b) mates       | c) fellows     | d) accomplices |
| 11. a) dyes         | b) marvels     | c) twilights   | d) hues        |
| 12. a) stamina      | b) progeny     | c) entity      | d) forebears   |
| 13. a) affirms      | b) foresees    | c) displays    | d) envisages   |
| 14. a) incline      | b) aspire      | c) anticipate  | d) declare     |
| 15. a) flourishing  | b) startling   | c) captivating | d) engrossing  |

## II. Put the words in the correct form.

1. The low ..... (ATTEND) at the concert was a result of the organizers' carelessness about giving it even more extensive publicity.
2. Another attempt to establish a ..... (LAST) peace has failed after one of the negotiators refused to sign the treaty.
3. This new situation is more than ..... (ADVANTAGE) to all the investors. Definitely, it's a chance not to miss.
4. Besides innumerable human victims, the tornado has caused an enormous ..... (DESTROY) to the buildings in the area.
5. A sudden ..... (GROW) in food prices will certainly bring about violent protests from the population.
6. Let's stop quarrelling about such ..... (RELEVANT) details. It doesn't matter what we take first, the soup or the second course.
7. The number of the nails Harry had bought at the ironmonger's wasn't ..... (SUFFICE) and we had to borrow a few from our neighbour.
8. .... (OBEY) at this school is severely punished, so remember to mind your manners both during the lessons and outside the classroom.
9. Some people claim that the microprocessor is the greatest ..... (INVENT) of the 20th century.
10. The actors received a ..... (STAND) ovation from the enthusiastic audience for their brilliant performance in *Othello*.
11. Without the congressmen's ..... (VALUE) assistance we would never have gathered enough money for our son's operation.
12. It's ..... (POINT) to try to reach the village on foot. The only possible way of getting there is by helicopter.
13. Jack's initial ..... (EXCITE) at taking part in the competition died down after he had learned about the extra costs he would have had to cover.
14. The ..... (PLEASE) of spending holidays in the countryside consists in breathing fresh air and being in harmony with nature.
15. You'd better ask Frank, I'm not in ..... (POSSESS) of the manual you are looking for.

III. Add the suitable verbs to make the correct phrasal verbs.

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break   come   do   drop   get   go   jump   lie  
put   settle   take   throw   tick   turn   work

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1. Mike's interest in practicing karate ..... **off** rather quickly and the boy started to look for a new hobby to take up.
2. The exact cost of the whole venture isn't known yet, but our best accountants have been trying to ..... **it out**.
3. For some people, the situation was too tense to ..... **up with** and no wonder that quite a few of them preferred to go home.
4. There was no sign indicating that the cottage had been ..... **into**, yet, the owner was sure his precious paintings had been stolen.
5. 'There's no hot chocolate on the menu, sir.' 'That's all right. I can ..... **with** a cup of tea instead.'
6. Luckily, the bomb which ..... **off** near the bank last Friday didn't kill anyone.
7. I don't quite like the new apprentice's approach. He seems to ..... **down** on the job.
8. We owe this marvellous wooden church building to the first Christian pioneers who ..... **down** in this area in the 16th century.
9. Our stay in the town will certainly be a good chance for Michael to visit his grandfather's birthplace, so I'm sure he will ..... **at** the opportunity.
10. Don't you think Patrick ..... **after** his grandfather? They both have got equally blue eyes and blond hair.
11. If none of you is going to wear these clothes, I'll ..... **them away** or donate them to charity.
12. During to the Winter Olympic Games the small mountain village ..... **into** a metropolis with thousands of visitors from all over the world.
13. I knew nothing about the treasure hidden in my garden. I ..... **across** it while I was digging the earth.
14. Those naughty boys went on making terrible noise in the park even though they had been ..... **off** by the annoyed constable.
15. Mr Simpson's illegal practices enabled him to ..... **away without** paying taxes for almost two years.

**IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.**

1. Is your uncle the owner of this Rolls Royce? (**belong**)

.....?

2. After I had introduced my guests to each other I made a long speech on the current changes in the computer technologies.

**Having** .....

3. Why didn't they tell us they were going to sell their house?

**I wish** .....

4. George won't lend his tape recorder to you if you don't promise to bring it back by Saturday. (**unless**)

.....

5. Jerry had terrible problems with solving the riddle. (**hardly**)

.....

6. Our representatives have been criticizing the new concept. (**critical**)

.....

7. It doesn't make any difference if they paint the board white or yellow. (**matter**)

**It** .....

8. Finally, the new prime minister has been appointed.

..... **last**.

9. I haven't visited Oslo since 1998.

**The last time** .....

10. Mrs Arnold will take care of our cat while we are away. (**look**)

.....

V. Fill the gaps with the correct words.

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age	average	chimney	dogs	dot
fault	hand	lead	luck	order
point	pride	rash	sale	sight

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1. Stop acting like a child. In a few weeks, you'll be coming of ..... and nobody will tolerate your foolish behaviour any longer.
2. It's much better for us that the supervisor has been dismissed from work. Nobody could stand his finding ..... with everything.
3. It's no use trying to operate the photocopier, it's been out of ..... since September.
4. The Japanese runner was in the ..... for about twelve kilometres until she was outrun by the Italian champion.
5. The 8.20 fast train has never come late, it has always arrived on the .....
6. You say George and Stacy. I remember, it was love at first .....
7. These works of art aren't for ..... One can only admire them in the museum.
8. The water in the lake must have been contaminated as dozens of holidaymakers came out in a ..... after having bathed in it.
9. I have been totally out of ..... this evening. I haven't won anything either at roulette or at blackjack.
10. 'Don't worry, it won't take long before the rescue brigade arrives.'  
'It's a very comforting piece of news that help is at .....
11. We don't have any exact data, but on ....., we serve a hundred customers a day.
12. Today's performance of our pentathlon team was a shame, but we expect them to do much better at swimming which is the strongest ..... of our representatives.
13. It's raining cats and ..... outside, so we had better stay at home this evening.
14. Mrs Robson takes a lot of ..... in her cooking and her guests compliment her on her delicious dishes.
15. I wish Tim would follow the doctor's advice and stop smoking like a .....

# TEST 3

## I. Choose the words that best complete the sentences in the text.

The money that some professional sportsmen earn shouldn't impress anyone when you take into ..... (1) the fact that only a few of them manage to ..... (2) immortality and everlasting fame. And once they reach their ..... (3) and display their talent at their best, they are fully conscious that their brilliant careers won't last for ever. They live under a constant pressure of being ..... (4) and subsequently replaced by someone who is younger, faster and more ..... (5). For that reason, objectives like retirement benefits and pensions are ..... (6) great concern to all professional athletes.

Some of the retired competitors go as far as to organize strikes and rallies to ..... (7) their protest against any policy unresponsive to their demands ..... (8) the younger professionals seek more upgrading solutions to the problem as more and more of them attach a proper significance to ..... (9) a solid education, even at university level. Such an approach should help them find interesting and well-paid jobs ..... (10) their sports career is over.

A completely new strategy has been ..... (11) by the schools priding themselves ..... (12) supporting their own teams. Their authorities insist that the sports clubs members achieve high academic standards or else they are debarred from partaking in certain sports events, which may lead to further ..... (13) in their professional careers.

By these practical and most effective ..... (14), combining education with sports activity, the ..... (15) of the professional athlete as being brainless and unintelligent may eventually be changing to the sportsmen's benefit.

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|------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. a) reflection | b) attention  | c) examination  | d) consideration |
| 2. a) obtain     | b) fulfil     | c) attain       | d) succeed       |
| 3. a) prime      | b) shape      | c) best         | d) capacity      |
| 4. a) outcast    | b) outshone   | c) outstayed    | d) outgrown      |
| 5. a) achieved   | b) attributed | c) accomplished | d) accredited    |
| 6. a) with       | b) in         | c) at           | d) of            |
| 7. a) voice      | b) claim      | c) insist       | d) speak         |
| 8. a) whereby    | b) whereas    | c) whereupon    | d) wherein       |

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|-------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| 9. a) mastering   | b) learning  | c) receiving  | d) attending |
| 10. a) right away | b) promptly  | c) barely     | d) once      |
| 11. a) assembled  | b) installed | c) devised    | d) emerged   |
| 12. a) with       | b) on        | c) for        | d) in        |
| 13. a) disruption | b) hitch     | c) detachment | d) wreckage  |
| 14. a) grounds    | b) results   | c) factors    | d) means     |
| 15. a) vision     | b) outlook   | c) image      | d) judgement |

**II. Replace the italicized verb or phrase with the synonymous phrasal verb in the correct form.**

bring about	care about	do up	get over	give away
hand in	hold on	make out	put in for	run into
set off	stand out	take over	turn down	wrap up

- Stop telling me about this tournament. *I'm not interested in it.*  
.....
- We have decided to *redecorate* our sitting room in August.  
.....
- Martin's condition was rather bad, but after a series of antibiotic injections he *recovered from* his illness.  
.....
- Unfortunately, our secret plans had been *revealed* by someone before we managed to put them into practice.  
.....
- The switchboard operator told me to *wait on the phone* before she made the connection.  
.....
- The inscription on the label was written in such a small print that I could hardly *understand its meaning.*  
.....
- I'm very sorry to say that I'm leaving your class for some time. Mr Blackley will *take my place.*  
.....
- At first, they seemed to be amazed at Peter's offer of two thousand pounds, but in the end they *rejected* it.  
.....



9. It's essential that you **deliver** the documents in person by Thursday.  
.....
10. Alice is going to **apply for** the job of a sales assistant in Newcastle.  
.....
11. The only accident that happened last night was in Gloucester. A lorry **collided with** a tractor and the both drivers were slightly wounded.  
.....
12. The guide advised us to **put on some warm clothes** as cold weather was forecast.  
.....
13. Around midday, it started to rain heavily and the hikers had to wait for about half an hour before **starting their trip**.  
.....
14. You won't have any problems with recognizing him. He **is easily seen** even in a large crowd because of his great height.  
.....
15. Making any unauthorized alterations may **result in** a failure of the machine.  
.....

**III. Replace each italicized adjective with a synonymous one.**

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absorbing	desperate	fatal	genuine	graceful
horrible	idle	innocent	judicious	mean
ordinary	painful	praiseworthy	precise	puzzled

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1. This is not a very **wise** decision. Just think of all the consequences such an action might lead to. ....
2. Mark was charmed by the girl's **elegant** movements and her good manners.  
.....
3. This is nothing new. It's just a **usual** transistor radio. ....
4. Our academy admits only people with a **real** interest in art. ....
5. The **bitter** feeling of having been deserted by his closest friends made Stanley leave the city for ever. ....
6. If you need some more **specific** information, turn to Mr Smith, who is in direct control of our department. ....
7. The **terrible** discovery of a skeleton in Mrs Preston's garden has provoked endless speculations about a murderer hiding somewhere in the neighbourhood.  
.....

8. The local newspapers write about the boy's **admirable** courage. After all, he was the only one who hurried to the rescue. ....
9. The suspect claimed he was **not guilty** and that the robbery was committed by someone else. ....
10. I was so **confused** by the chairman's reply that I didn't know whether I was allowed to cast the vote or not. ....
11. Since Mrs Johnson's unexpected resignation, we have been in an **urgent** need of a new secretary. ....
12. Mike's comment on the political crisis in our country provoked a **fascinating** discussion which kept us awake during the whole night. ....
13. He is usually very **lazy**, so we have a hard time of making him do his lessons properly. ....
14. The poor mother went mad after she had learnt about her son's **deadly** accident. ....
15. Don't bother to ask him a favour. He is too **selfish** to help other people. ....

**IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.**

1. I don't usually sleep after work. (**in the habit**)  
.....
2. Little Tommy was expecting Christmas with real delight. (**forward to**)  
.....
3. The young clerk didn't know how to deal with this complicated matter. (**capable**)  
.....
4. Alan is both a good sprinter and a skilled jumper.  
**Besides** .....
5. Several workers refused to join the strike. (**opposed**)  
.....
6. I haven't lent my new lawnmower to anybody.  
**Nobody** .....
7. Peter's hair really ought to be cut. (**needs**)  
.....
8. The attacker made me open the safe.  
**I was** .....

9. In spite of countless obstacles, Jim succeeded in building his own house. (successful)

.....

10. I'll go upstairs to find out if they have already vacated the rooms. (sure that)

.....

#### V. Choose the correct answer.

1. Mrs Hurston was in deep ..... after her husband's unexpected death.

- a) regret      b) grief      c) lament      d) disturbance

2. The Martins have confirmed their strong ..... to charity actions by donating a lump sum of money again.

- a) compliance      b) reliance      c) assignment      d) commitment

3. The other party has raised a number of ..... to the reforms in the tax system.

- a) problems      b) objections      c) difficulties      d) complaints

4. My older brother is extremely fond of astronomy, he seems to ..... a lot of pleasure from observing the stars.

- a) derive      b) possess      c) seize      d) reach

5. I can accept criticism in general, but George really ..... it too far, so I had no other option but to show my disapproval.

- a) carried      b) pushed      c) put      d) made

6. When old Mr Barnaby died, several people ..... their claim to the substantial legacy that he left.

- a) placed      b) drew      c) assumed      d) laid

7. The relations between these two countries have become very ..... after the unpleasant incident at the border.

- a) reckless      b) excitable      c) feverish      d) tense

8. The press puts ..... on the police forces who were unable to cope with the crowd of savage hooligans.

- a) fault      b) charge      c) blame      d) guilt

9. On entering the nursery I stumbled on the wooden blocks ..... all over the carpet.

- a) plunged      b) scattered      c) settled      d) tossed

10. No matter how loudly you shout to him he won't hear you. He is as deaf as a

.....

- a) bat      b) stump      c) tomb      d) post

11. The jury ..... her compliments on her excellent knowledge of the subject.  
a) paid      b) gave      c) made      d) said
12. We couldn't stay long, so we only wished Mark many happy ..... of his birthday and hurried to the airport.  
a) days      b) returns      c) moments      d) regards
13. Ever since we quarrelled in the office, Janice and I have been ..... enemies.  
a) assured      b) confirmed      c) defined      d) guaranteed
14. If I had known that she had fallen so seriously ....., I'd certainly have visited her in hospital.  
a) ill      b) unhealthy      c) invalid      d) unwell
15. A young tourist has been declared ..... after he got lost in the mountains last Monday.  
a) absent      b) deserter      c) missing      d) vanished
16. You needn't hurry. You may take your ..... before you give me the definite answer.  
a) while      b) minute      c) time      d) thinking
17. Michael was ..... with anger when he saw his car had been scratched.  
a) stored      b) fixed      c) loaded      d) filled
18. The schoolboy's excuse wasn't ..... at all. Nobody in the classroom believed in the far-fetched story he told.  
a) credential      b) credible      c) creditable      d) credulous
19. The professor wasn't ..... with the current political affairs in his country after his long stay abroad.  
a) familiar      b) present      c) knowledgeable      d) actual
20. It's not easy to make Stanley furious, the boy is very gentle by .....  
a) himself      b) personality      c) reaction      d) nature

## TEST 4

### I. Write in the correct words.

L \_ \_ \_ \_ (1) has it that Zeus - the highest of the gods - took the form of a bull and seduced the princess named Europa. The \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ g (2) of their love was Minos who was later e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ d (3) the first king of Crete. The wife of Minos also fell in love with the bull and she \_ \_ v \_ \_ (4) birth to a monster who was half-man and half-bull. The beast was, however, \_ \_ \_ t (5) hidden in a winding labyrinth deep beneath the king's palace. Minos, as a revenge, demanded a horrible human sacrifice from the Athenians. Consequently, every nine years seven youths and seven maidens were thrown down the dungeon to Minotaur - a monster with a \_ \_ s \_ \_ (6) for human flesh. Theseus, the son of Aegeus - the Athenian ruler - and the acknowledged hero, insisted on \_ n \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ g (7) the Minotaur in its dungeon to kill the monster. In a desperate fight Theseus \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ d (8) the monstrous creature and escaped from the maze with the helping \_ \_ \_ \_ (9) of Ariadne. On coming back to Athens, however, he didn't r \_ \_ \_ \_ (10) a white sail as he had \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ d (11) to his father before and grief-stricken Aegeus - the king - threw \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f (12) into the sea. Ever since the event, the sea has been called the Aegean Sea.

### II. Put the words in the correct form.

1. This year winter is rather mild in ..... (COMPARE) with the last one when temperatures fell below thirty degrees.
2. All the ..... (RESIDE) of the hotel had been evacuated before the fire spread out.
3. If you want to improve your English, I recommend your buying a book on grammar ..... (USE) .
4. Our grandfather is so ..... (FEAR) of the modern technologies that he doesn't even want to have a TV set in his house.
5. The international council has devoted several million dollars for help to the ..... (DEVELOP) countries in Africa.
6. At first, I was against keeping the news secret, but Frank's ..... (SENSE) arguments finally convinced me.
7. That day was the most ..... (MEMORY) one in Pamela's whole life. She kept reminding us of it almost every day.

8. Working in these conditions may be extremely ..... (HARM) to health, especially if no protective clothes are worn.
9. I wouldn't say these two statues were made by the same sculptor. In fact, there's little ..... (RESEMBLE) between them.
10. The competitor was disqualified even though his ..... (DENY) of having used steroids was so firm.
11. Due to a heavy snowstorm the ..... (DEPART) of the train was delayed.
12. The teacher did his best to encourage his pupils to use their ..... (IMAGINE) when writing their stories.
13. Big loans on very ..... (FAVOUR) conditions are offered by the bank to those who make a large-scale investment.
14. It was a ..... (REST) afternoon for all the representatives, who were busy preparing the necessary documents.
15. I have always admired her great ..... (WISE) and skill in handling the most intricate problems.

### III. Insert the correct prepositions.

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1. .... response to the rising demand ..... petrol, its production has had to be increased.
2. She said she didn't need any support and that she could arrange everything ..... herself.
3. Danny wished his father could stay ..... good, but the man still had a few months of the military service to do.
4. Rather than go ..... foot in the heavy rain, we preferred to wait ..... a bus, however long that might have been.
5. Mrs Railey was very glad ..... her son's victory in the school competition.
6. I'm unable to use my computer ..... present; it's been ..... repair since last Monday.
7. After a long walk through the dense jungle, the refugees found themselves in a rocky terrain where they could feel free ..... their pursuers.
8. The poor man who died ..... heart attack had been our most devoted worker.
9. The police have come across some substantial evidence, which will make it easier for the court to charge the terrorists ..... murder.

10. Would you mind waiting a minute? We are expecting the mail .....  
any moment.
11. Apart ..... a harsh physical training, the troops have had to go  
through an extensive language course.
12. For many years, the population of the Syberian tiger has been .....  
real danger of extinction.
13. Throughout the whole ceremony the president couldn't get rid of his anxiety  
..... the possible assassination.
14. Alice is working really hard ..... her business skills as she wants to  
make a good manageress.
15. This man has no idea about the law procedures, he must have been appointed as a  
juror ..... mistake.

**IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.**

1. The building designer doesn't like the idea of a complete reconstruction. (**approve**)  
.....

2. We have never visited a more charming place before.

**Never** .....

3. My new assistant knows a lot about anaesthetics. (**knowledge**)  
.....

4. Our experiment will be carried out only if we gather enough money. (**condition that**)  
.....

5. We haven't contacted each other for several months. (**touch**)  
.....

6. Mr Thompson's opinion of these innovations is rather low. (**much of**)  
.....

7. Michael works overtime because he wants to pay off his debts. (**view**)  
.....

8. Each of us has tried to comfort the depressed patient. (**attempt**)  
.....

9. I was just going to leave my office when the phone rang. (**about**)  
.....

10. Nobody managed to work out the correct answer. (failed)

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**V. Fill the gaps with the correct words.**

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cash	fingers	flight	hand	home
lamb	log	names	risk	rule
sense	temper	tune	weather	wall

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1. The younger scouts were too afraid to take the ..... of marching through the deep forest late at night.
2. After a while, the lecturer lost his ..... and started to shout at the students who had been sniggering all the time.
3. The trading company that he set up a year ago has recently gone to the ..... because of the huge financial losses it has made.
4. Mary has no problems with running the accounts. Indeed, she feels at ..... with the job.
5. I can't say he's very good at playing the saxophone. It happens quite often that he plays out of .....
6. There is no bigger gardening enthusiast in the village than Mr Dandelion. His skill at growing plants is admirable and his neighbours say he's got green .....
7. Let me stay at home this morning, please. I'm feeling rather under the ....., so I won't be of great use in the office.
8. Phillip, apologize to your sister! I don't want to hear you calling her ..... any more.
9. We were informed by the shop assistant that they didn't accept credit cards. Consequently, we had no other option but to pay in .....
10. When Alex returns from work, he is usually so tired that he falls asleep immediately and sleeps like a ..... until supper time.
11. I can understand his dissatisfaction with his meagre wages, but on the other ....., he isn't a full time worker.
12. Somebody pushed Eric in the crowd and the boy fell down the ..... of stairs and broke his leg.
13. Brian takes sandwiches and black coffee for breakfast as a .....
14. That dog of theirs may look dangerous, but in fact, it's as gentle as a .....
15. The new apprentice is very clever. However, one thing he still lacks is the ..... of duty.



## TEST 5

### I. Choose the words that best complete the sentences in the text.

The knowledge and eloquence that people ..... (1) through travelling is usually perceived as the best ..... (2) in life. It is the inquisitive human nature that ..... (3) people to seek ..... (4) experiences and to set out on an exploration trip. Those who travel frequently and to ..... (5) places benefit from establishing new relationships and ..... (6) a better knowledge about other cultures and lifestyles.

However, there is a ..... (7) of truth in the assumption that people are prone to ..... (8) cliches and unfounded prejudices about other nations and their characteristics. Sometimes, it is only the first-hand encounter that can help change the ..... (9) towards the so-called 'inferior communities'. This direct contact with a different civilization enables travellers to ..... (10) their baseless assumptions and get ..... (11) with the real concept of life in all four corners of the globe.

..... (12) question, travelling ..... (13) friendship and makes it easier for many individuals to acknowledge the true value of different traditions and customs. Yet, it does not always mean enjoyment. It may also ..... (14) coming close with the atrocities of real existence as well as becoming aware of the challenges and hardships that other people have to struggle with. Hence, a true voyage is the one with a good deal of experience to ..... (15) about, very often combined with exposure to abhorrent sights and incredible ordeals. The learning to be complete, thus, requires an ability to observe and analyse the surroundings, both their glamour and brutality.

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|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. a) purchase    | b) exact      | c) gain       | d) nurture    |
| 2. a) completion  | b) fulfilment | c) conclusion | d) resolution |
| 3. a) impels      | b) involves   | c) entails    | d) pursues    |
| 4. a) thriving    | b) throbbing  | c) thwarting  | d) thrilling  |
| 5. a) reverse     | b) averse     | c) diverse    | d) converse   |
| 6. a) acquiring   | b) educating  | c) learning   | d) exacting   |
| 7. a) speck       | b) grain      | c) scrap      | d) tip        |
| 8. a) persevering | b) cherishing | c) indulging  | d) persisting |

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| 9. a) prejudice    | b) manner    | c) outlook    | d) approach |
| 10. a) drop        | b) cease     | c) fail       | d) quit     |
| 11. a) informed    | b) realized  | c) acquainted | d) defined  |
| 12. a) Apart       | b) Beyond    | c) Unfailing  | d) Beneath  |
| 13. a) facilitates | b) affords   | c) elicits    | d) incites  |
| 14. a) involve     | b) derive    | c) consist    | d) enclose  |
| 15. a) commemorate | b) reminisce | c) resemble   | d) remind   |

**II. Put the words in the correct form.**

- Eddie had imagined life on the farm to be enjoyable and peaceful, but the ..... (REAL) turned out to be totally different.
- Do you remember the exact ..... (DEFINE) of this mathematical rule?
- They say that ..... (SILENT) is golden, but who could really believe that?
- Professor Jenkins' lectures were the most ..... (INFORM). Even his books didn't contain so much relevant data.
- Cindy's unique artistic ..... (ABLE) enabled her to obtain a scholarship abroad.
- Our national team has played beyond ..... (EXPECT). They have beaten the world champions twice.
- The customs officer insisted on examining the ..... (CONTAIN) of our suitcases.
- One of the most disturbing questions the government has to face is the rising ..... (EMPLOY) among the rural population.
- Even though an ..... (EXTEND) search for the missing child has been carried out by the local police, there has been no sign of progress so far.
- 'Alice has told me she is thinking of breaking off her ..... (ENGAGE) to Martin.' 'Do you think she doesn't love the boy any more?'
- Thanks to the operation my ..... (SEE) has improved considerably. I hope that after the next one I won't have to wear glasses at all.
- A lot of ..... (COMPLAIN) have been written to the town council by the inhabitants of the area where the nuclear power station is to be built.
- The most ..... (STAND) feature of his character is his great generosity.
- I wouldn't assume that he would help you in case of trouble. He isn't so ..... (RELY) a person as you may think him to be.
- What the teacher expects us to write is a thorough description of the ..... (INDUSTRY) revolution in Britain.

### III. Insert the correct prepositions.

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1. Richard the Third wasn't the only king who died ..... battle.
2. Mr Bradley has had an alarm installed in his car ..... fear of having it stolen.
3. If your diet is deficient ..... vitamins and minerals, the risk of developing a serious disease is higher.
4. Our section has gained quite an independence ..... the main branch since we are able to raise our own funds.
5. The scouts got very tired ..... marching up the hill and asked for a good rest.
6. Why don't you send a message ..... return of post? It will be delivered more quickly, then.
7. The manufacturer has assured us that his products always work properly, no matter how long they have been ..... use.
8. We have recently directed our aims ..... developing a prototype of an extremely economical vehicle.
9. You should be ashamed ..... what you have done. Don't ever hit your brother again!
10. It wasn't at all easy for the European members of the expedition to get accustomed ..... so hot and humid a climate of South America.
11. The Browns and their neighbours were examined at the police station in connection ..... the burglaries in the district.
12. You should have asked Tom to instal the pipe in your bathroom. He is very clever ..... every kind of manual work.
13. I did my best to be helpful ..... planning the excursion, but they seemed to pay no attention to my remarks.
14. The fire brigade have earned a good deal of appreciation ..... their great courage displayed in the rescue action.
15. After two months spent in the local hospital, Christine has recently recovered ..... her bad injuries.

**IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.**

1. I was strongly determined to complete my dissertation by the end of the month.

**I had** .....

2. Father doesn't want you to keep these disgusting insects. (**rid**)

.....

3. When we came back home we realized it had been broken into.

**On** .....

4. He will lie on the sofa doing nothing all day round. (**nothing but**)

.....

5. They say they don't want to play cricket any more. (**bored**)

.....

6. Andy didn't tell anybody that he was going on a lone expedition. (**without**)

**Andy went** .....

7. As soon as it gets warmer, the spring flowers will bloom.

**The moment** .....

8. One of the relatives has made a statement for the mourning parents on television. (**behalf**)

.....

9. Was it difficult for you to assemble the set? (**difficulty**)

.....?

10. We are hiring a specialist to redecorate the flat. (**having**)

.....

**V. Choose the correct answer.**

1. Michael was a terrible ....., he was even afraid to stay at home alone.

a) culprit      b) coward      c) fiance      d) boaster

2. After a lengthy debate, the spokesman announced the board had .....  
a unanimous conclusion.

a) committed      b) solved      c) reached      d) compromised

3. In spite of our big effort, we have not managed to ..... enough money for the renovation of the school buildings.  
a) raise      b) compose      c) rear      d) score
4. The success of our campaign is ..... on the number of investors we can attract.  
a) legible      b) relative      c) dependent      d) obtainable
5. George didn't attend school for six weeks as he had to stay in hospital where he was ..... for pneumonia.  
a) fixed      b) mended      c) relieved      d) treated
6. I don't believe a ..... of what he says.  
a) sentence      b) word      c) phrase      d) matter
7. We couldn't stand his nasty ..... of spitting on the floor and we moved him from our department.  
a) disposition      b) character      c) guilt      d) habit
8. Alex was ..... enough on becoming a professional sportsman and he didn't want to listen to anybody else's advice.  
a) intent      b) eager      c) definite      d) certain
9. You'd better not place a bet on Stallion. In my opinion, the horse doesn't ..... a chance of winning the race.  
a) win      b) stand      c) rise      d) play
10. Nobody took any ..... of the warning and they went swimming in the contaminated water.  
a) information      b) attention      c) notice      d) sight
11. It was ..... time we did something about the case, but we had no idea how to react.  
a) main      b) high      c) latest      d) fair
12. The loan that we had received from our parents ..... us to buy a flat in Cambridge.  
a) enabled      b) assisted      c) fulfilled      d) granted
13. Patrick ..... his joy at winning the prize by inviting his friends to a first-class restaurant for dinner.  
a) appeared      b) envisioned      c) exposed      d) displayed
14. I was immensely ..... to hear that none of my relatives was killed in the bus accident.  
a) relieved      b) improved      c) recovered      d) healed

15. They say that a friend in ..... is a friend indeed.  
a) miss      b) lack      c) wish      d) need
16. It is not a great achievement to me if you make money by ..... of an illegal business.  
a) sorts      b) means      c) process      d) works
17. Mind that the baby shouldn't touch the knife, it's as sharp as a .....  
a) blade      b) sword      c) cut      d) razor
18. The mother was furious when she entered the nursery and saw it in complete .....  
a) pollution      b) dirt      c) disorder      d) junk
19. Your staying in this room longer than seven days will ..... having to pay extra money.  
a) mean      b) correspond      c) prove      d) infer
20. Mr Robson's job is to teach the young officers to ..... their duty in the right way.  
a) operate      b) perform      c) commit      d) proceed

## TEST 6

### I. Replace each italicized word with a synonymous one.

The game of solving *difficult* (1) puzzles has always *filled* (2) people with the feeling of a profound *excitement* (3). No wonder, then, that the *fascination* (4) of treasure hunting has invariably been associated with the possibility of realizing the most *improbable* (5) dreams. According to what the psychologists claim, there is a little boy in every treasure hunter. Yet, the *chase* (6) of hidden valuables has recently become a serious *venture* (7) with amateur and professional seekers equipped with highly sophisticated *devices* (8) like metal detectors, radars, sonars or underwater cameras.

What raises the adrenaline level in these treasure-obsessed fanatics are legends, myths, old maps and other *variety* (9) of clues promising *immeasurable* (10) fortunes buried beneath the earth's surface or drowned in the ancient galleys.

For many treasure hunters the struggle of hint searching is even more *stimulating* (11) than digging out a treasure trove composed of golden or silver objects, jewellery and other priceless artefacts. The job is, however, extremely strenuous as even the most *puzzling* (12) clues must be thoroughly *analysed* (13). Failures and misinterpretations *occur* (14) quite frequently, too. Yet, even the most unlikely clue or the smallest find is enough to reinforce the hunter's self-confidence and passion.

Indeed, the delight in treasure finding doesn't always *depend on* (15) acquiring tremendous amounts of valuables. Whatever is detected, be it a rusty sundial or a marble statue, brings joy and reward after a long and exhausting search.

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|--------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. a) extreme      | b) fierce      | c) intricate     | d) vehement     |
| 2. a) imposed      | b) congested   | c) imbued        | d) aroused      |
| 3. a) exhilaration | b) dismay      | c) acclaim       | d) inflammation |
| 4. a) rage         | b) trauma      | c) craze         | d) uproar       |
| 5. a) inopportune  | b) impetuous   | c) unbearable    | d) implausible  |
| 6. a) pursuit      | b) dash        | c) gait          | d) crusade      |
| 7. a) riddle       | b) exploit     | c) toil          | d) strain       |
| 8. a) garments     | b) auxiliaries | c) appliances    | d) phenomena    |
| 9. a) range        | b) abundance   | c) stack         | d) batch        |
| 10. a) ceaseless   | b) superfluous | c) unaccountable | d) inestimable  |
| 11. a) rousing     | b) gruelling   | c) escalating    | d) engulfing    |

12. a) crippling                      b) appalling                      c) baffling                      d) overwhelming  
 13. a) utilized                      b) scrutinized                      c) disclosed                      d) verbalized  
 14. a) unveil                      b) concur                      c) befall                      d) encounter  
 15. a) dwell on                      b) poke around                      c) lay about                      d) hinge upon

**II. Replace the italicized verbs or phrases with a synonymous phrasal verb in the correct form.**

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account for	back up	bring about	bring up	call off
carry out	feel up to	get on	look up	make up
pull up	put off	set in	take back	turn up

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1. The policeman waved at Danny to *stop his car* at the lay-by.  
 .....
2. Several recruits were given a harsh training for their reluctance to *fulfil* the captain's orders.  
 .....
3. Luckily, the two ministers *ended their argument* before the programme was broadcast.  
 .....
4. Doesn't any of you want to *give me support*? Will you let them believe that I'm guilty of the fraud?  
 .....
5. Things are beginning to *improve* now that we have received the aid.  
 .....
6. At first, I felt like going to the concert, but it was the price of the ticket that *discouraged* me in the end.  
 .....
7. The season of dry weather has *begun* too early this year. I'm afraid we may have to face drought.  
 .....
8. Lucy says she *isn't well enough to do* so much housework.  
 .....
9. The pump breakdown has been *caused* by an electrical fault.  
 .....



10. We **have been in good relations** ever since we met each other at the pilgrimage last year.

1. The teacher has obliged Robert to **withdraw** the offensive remarks he made to Julia.

12. As a result of a heavy rainfall the athletic event has had to be **cancelled**.

13. Thousands of enthusiasts from around the world gathered to see the famous film star, but to their disappointment, she didn't **appear**.

14. This useful handbook will tell you how to **educate** your children.

15. After a pause, the judge asked the suspect to go on **explaining** his motives.

III. Replace each italicized phrase or adjective with a synonymous one.

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adequate	available	bumpy	concise	crucial
distinguished	exaggerated	feverish	firm	hostile
immediate	legitimate	tedious	tender	widespread

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- Alexander the Great was one of the most **famous** military leaders of the ancient times. He was the conqueror of Persia and the king of Macedonia. ....
- I hope we all will remember this **important** moment. From today on, we will be able to communicate with any place on the planet. ....
- It's essential that the elephant should be given the amount of food **suitable** for its weight. ....
- 'What was the court's decision in your case?' 'They said I had a **legal** right to occupy the flat.' ....
- Tommy is so **excited** about going to the seaside because he has never seen the sea in his life. ....
- My father is a **devoted** believer in the American cinematography. He never watches films of other directors than the American ones. ....
- Missiles like these can cause **extensive** damage and a lot of fatalities. ....
- I'm sorry madam, but leather products are not **obtainable** in our store. Try in the store at the opposite corner. ....
- I can't understand his **unfriendly** attitude towards us. What's made him so angry? .....

10. Mary said that the price was ***much too high*** and she wouldn't pay unless the shopkeeper lowered it. ....
11. She is so lucky to have married Peter. The boy has such a ***gentle*** character that he wouldn't even harm a fly. ....
12. Had I known the lecture on etymology would be so ***long and boring***, I'd never have attended it. ....
13. It seems that space flights to the moon will be an attractive way of spending weekends in the ***not very distant*** future. ....
14. I hate driving on ***rough*** roads like this one. It is neither pleasant nor good for the car. ....
15. The chairman's comment on the transaction was ***short and clear***. ....

**IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.**

1. At least some of you may be obliged to sign the agreement. (**under**)  
.....
2. Suddenly, the baby started to cry and nobody knew what to do about it. (**burst**)  
.....
3. Certainly, drinking too much alcohol can be harmful to your health. (**do**)  
.....
4. Only a few Members of Parliament voted for the reforms. (**favour of**)  
.....
5. Anthony claimed that the other man caused the collision. (**accused**)  
.....
6. With such a poor dealing with the matter he will not probably succeed. (**unlikely**)  
.....
7. It seemed that they had visited the place before.  
**They seemed** .....
8. The factory had to be shut down because of very low output and poor profits. (**due**)  
.....
9. The hijackers haven't set any of the hostages free.  
..... **go**.
10. He said he was sorry for what he had said to the customer. (**apologies**)  
.....

**v. Fill the gaps with the correct words.**

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appearances	best	clockwork	date	delay
fuss	glimpse	guess	heart	leave
line	mind	prime	terms	senses

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1. We expect Mike to drop us a ..... as soon as he arrives in Mexico.
2. Mr Dalton tried to keep up ..... However, the rest of the party knew he was awfully depressed after the divorce.
3. You could have avoided making so much ..... about so trivial a problem.
4. I've told you it's impossible to get in touch with detective Parker because he has been on ..... in Spain since last Thursday.
5. We didn't have to wait long for the copy as the clerk was most kind and made it without any .....
6. I'm not sure about the exact number, but at a ....., he has invited about fifty guests to his birthday party.
7. The manager and the singer have been on very good ..... with each other. They even seem to be close friends.
8. Gordon McAlister was a man of great success. He made a big fortune in the ..... of his youth and lived comfortably ever after.
9. Stop spraying the paint on to me! Have you taken a complete leave of your .....?
10. I can't think how he succeeded in winning Jenny's ..... being so rude and vulgar to other girls.
11. You may feel absolutely safe to tell me whatever you know. I won't give you away, for sure. Go on, speak your .....
12. He isn't good enough to become the champion. At ....., he may take the second place.
13. Mark never changes his routines. He is as regular as .....
14. Whitney has never seen the boy she is meeting this evening. In fact, their appointment is a blind .....
15. It is out of the question for me to give an exact description of the burglar as I only caught a ..... of his face when he rushed towards the door.

# TEST 7

## I. Choose the words that best complete the sentences in the text.

It only ..... (1) the completion of the reconstruction of the human genetic map for a whole host of hereditary diseases to be ..... (2). Originally, it was forecast that the venture would take until the beginning of the 21st century to be ..... (3). At present, it is clear that the task can be finished much earlier. Hundreds of scholars have gone to ..... (4) to help ..... (5) the mystery of the human genetic structure with an ardent hope for ..... (6) mankind from disorders such as cancer, cystic fibrosis or arthritis.

The progress in this incredible undertaking is ..... (7) by an accurate interpretation of the information ..... (8) in the chromosomes forming the trillions of the cells in the human body. Locating and characterizing every single gene may ..... (9) an implausible assignment, but very considerable ..... (10) has already been made. What we know by now is that the hereditary code is assembled in DNA, some parts of which may be diseased and ..... (11) to the uncontrollable transmission of the damaged code from parents to their children.

Whereas work at the completion of the human genome may last for a few years more, notions like gene therapy or genetic engineering don't ..... (12) much surprise any longer. Their potential application has already been ..... (13) in the effective struggle against many viruses or in the genetic treatment of blood disorders. The hopes are, then, that hundreds of maladies that humanity is ..... (14) with at present might eventually cease to exist in the not too ..... (15) future.

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|--------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. a) expects      | b) requires    | c) anticipates | d) remains      |
| 2. a) terminated   | b) interfered  | c) eradicated  | d) disrupted    |
| 3. a) accomplished | b) discharged  | c) dismantled  | d) exterminated |
| 4. a) maximum      | b) utmost      | c) supreme     | d) extremes     |
| 5. a) dissolve     | b) interrogate | c) respond     | d) unravel      |
| 6. a) liberating   | b) surviving   | c) insulating  | d) averting     |
| 7. a) dependent    | b) reliant     | c) qualified   | d) conditioned  |

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|-------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 8. a) associated  | b) contained   | c) involved   | d) derived      |
| 9. a) sound       | b) hear        | c) voice      | d) perceive     |
| 10. a) headline   | b) heading     | c) headway    | d) headship     |
| 11. a) amiable    | b) conceivable | c) evocative  | d) conducive    |
| 12. a) evoke      | b) institute   | c) discharge  | d) encourage    |
| 13. a) examined   | b) inquired    | c) accounted  | d) corroborated |
| 14. a) aggravated | b) teased      | c) persecuted | d) plagued      |
| 15. a) far-away   | b) outlying    | c) distant    | d) imminent     |

**II. Put the words in the correct form.**

- The key to the peaceful coexistence of a multiracial community is the reduction of the social ..... (EQUAL).
- What you suggest isn't ..... (ACCEPT) at all. We can't agree to carry out the military tests in this province.
- The jury found him guilty of a ..... (THIEF) and a few other minor offences and he was sentenced to five months in prison.
- Mark has been concerned about his ..... (FIT) ever since the doctor warned him to lose weight and take up physical exercise.
- Are you sure you want to invest all your life ..... (SAVE) in such a risky business?
- It was the most splendid wedding ..... (RECEIVE) I have ever attended. I guess they must have spent a lot of money preparing it.
- According to the recent report, this dreadful ..... (DRY) has ruined sixty per cent of the crops in the region.
- All the workers in the office were standing still while the directors were having their noisy ..... (ARGUE).
- Paul's ..... (HATE) for the occupants grew much stronger when he learned about his parents' death.
- Nothing wrong will happen to you as long as you follow the strict ..... (GUIDE) set by the inspector.
- The pottery we have found under the rocks is the most evident ..... (PROVE) of human existence on the island.
- Lend me five hundred pounds, please and I promise to settle the debt in monthly ..... (PAY) of one hundred pounds.
- The bad boy ought to be punished for his wrongdoing as there was no ..... (JUST) for acting the way he did.

14. The Reauchefort Company had been our major ..... (SUPPLY) of stainless steel until we signed a contract with you.
15. The view that came into perspective was ..... (BREATH) . No wonder, they lingered on the hill enchanted by the lush tropical forests and the haze of moist air hanging above their heads.

**III. Insert the correct prepositions.**

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**AT    FOR    FROM    IN    OF    ON    TO    UNDER    WITH**

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1. It looks as if John has got addicted ..... cigarettes. The boy smokes one packet a day.
2. I advise you to stop chewing the gum when you talk to the boss. He is rather intolerant ..... any extravagance.
3. We didn't see much of the landscape because our father drove ..... high speed all along the way.
4. Patrick is too intent ..... his picture painting to take care of any housework.
5. On June the first, it will have been seven years since I graduated ..... university.
6. Apart from the constant electricity shortage, we were also deprived ..... the possibility of taking everyday showers.
7. We are in ..... a lot of trouble unless George manages to repair the radio station.
8. Five participants have been expelled ..... the survival course for their abject disobedience.
9. According to the weather forecast, the coastal area will soon be ..... threat of the destructive force of a typhoon.
10. There were no protests to the chairman's proposal to do away ..... the standard procedures and advance to the major point of the debate.
11. Before you go and check your abilities ..... practice, you must learn to follow the traffic regulations.
12. The serial murderer has been convicted ..... six homicides and a rape and sentenced to death by hanging.
13. When I entered the classroom I was surprised ..... the scene I saw. Several pupils were lying on the floor and the rest were sleeping in their benches.
14. He never told us he was Italian and that his real name was Franco. We all knew him ..... the name of Eddie.

15. The president will be delivering a speech ..... memory of the war victims and the representatives from around the world will be laying wreaths at the tomb.

**IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.**

1. However unfavourable our position is, we mustn't surrender. (**bold face**)  
.....
2. This water is too cold to brew tea. (**enough**)  
.....
3. I can't lend you any money as I don't have much myself. (**short**)  
.....
4. How much did you have to pay for their service? (**owe**)  
.....?
5. Take this map, it can be very useful if you get lost in the city. (**case**)  
.....
6. She says she finds nothing unusual about stormy weather in this country. (**used**)  
.....
7. We were surprised to learn that Brian had become a monk.  
**It came** .....
8. This loud music makes me nervous.  
..... **my nerves.**
9. I can't understand a bit of what he says. (**any sense**)  
.....
10. She hasn't decided yet whether to buy this house or not. (**hesitating**)  
.....

**V. Choose the correct answer.**

1. The matter was so delicate that none of the ministers knew how to ..... it.  
a) manipulate      b) deal      c) handle      d) affect

2. Betty told her younger sister to ..... her alone because she didn't feel like playing games.  
a) put      b) leave      c) set      d) make
3. The students have asked their professor to ..... making a test until after Christmas.  
a) postpone      b) interrupt      c) await      d) terminate
4. Now that the 9.30 train has been cancelled, we have got plenty of time to ..... before the next one arrives.  
a) expire      b) spare      c) abound      d) exhaust
5. Mr Smith ate his breakfast in great ..... so as not to miss the bus to Liverpool.  
a) speed      b) pace      c) rush      d) haste
6. The handwriting is completely ..... This note must have been written a long time ago.  
a) inedible      b) indellible      c) illegible      d) unfeasible
7. To everybody's ....., the doctor declared the boy's life was out of danger.  
a) calmness      b) soothe      c) peace      d) relief
8. This species of mosquito can be dangerous, but happily, it is rather ..... in this area.  
a) rare      b) minor      c) few      d) scarcely
9. The whole situation is getting out of ..... Let's do something before it turns into a bitter row.  
a) capacity      b) charge      c) hand      d) discipline
10. I know it works in theory, but try putting it into ..... and you'll find out it's a failure.  
a) operation      b) exercise      c) performance      d) procedure
11. I wouldn't have realized about the possible risk of setting the factory on fire if Bob hadn't ..... my attention to it.  
a) sought      b) drawn      c) showed      d) caught
12. It was mindless of you to ..... Sam in the face. You should never have done it if you expect him to love you.  
a) slam      b) clap      c) slap      d) clasp
13. I can hardly think of Jenny being able to ..... the aim she has set herself.  
a) implement      b) accomplish      c) triumph      d) succeed



14. It had been assumed Phillip would take over the manager's post after the man retired. But, it never came to ..... since he'd decided to change his place of work.
- a) final      b) pass      c) occurrence      d) being
15. Eric's father works as an interpreter. The man is ..... in three languages.
- a) fluent      b) outspoken      c) speechless      d) knowledgeable
16. Our karate master is as quick as .....
- a) wave      b) thunder      c) current      d) lightning
17. Her perfect manners and exceptional erudition is an effect of her strict upper-class .....
- a) upstanding      b) upkeep      c) upbringing      d) uphold
18. This pupil is notorious for playing ..... from his mathematics lessons.
- a) truant      b) runaway      c) absent      d) joyride
19. Andrew is a very disciplined employee. He ..... great importance to coming to work in time.
- a) affixes      b) attributes      c) admits      d) attaches
20. The scientists broke down as they realized that all their efforts had gone to .....
- a) loss      b) failure      c) waste      d) collapse

# TEST 8

## I. Write in the correct words.

Jacob's first experience with flying objects **d** \_ \_ \_ **s** (1) back to the memorable day of the 15th of May, 1925. He was then five years old and his father, a civilian pilot, took him to the Bedford airbase where the Royal Air Force were \_ \_ **r** \_ \_ \_ \_ **g** (2) out tests on a prototype of a modern bomber plane.

Dozens of shiny machines standing in hangars \_ \_ **p** \_ \_ \_ \_ **d** (3) the young boy's attention. 'I really felt as though each of these huge steel birds were inviting me for a great \_ \_ **v** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (4) .' - he reminisced later in a newspaper i \_ \_ \_ \_ **v** \_ \_ \_ (5). Teams of mechanics and navigators were running feverishly around the place while the test pilots were waiting calmly in the scorching sun near the runways. After a few hours of intensive preparations the \_ \_ **g** \_ \_ \_ **s** (6) finally roared and the first bombers ascended **t** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (7) the sky.

It was not earlier than in August 1940 that Jacob himself sat \_ \_ **h** \_ \_ \_ (8) the wheel in a cockpit of a Spitfire. As a young, but extremely talented aviator he was assigned a place in an assault squadron for a perilous mission during World War II. That was the moment he had been looking \_ \_ **r** \_ \_ \_ \_ to (9).

Much earlier than he had expected, his praiseworthy discipline and the great bravery that he had **d** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ **d** (10) in numerous assignments earned him the name of a war hero. Five years after the war, Jacob was offered the function of a military adviser in the Defence Department where he **s** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ **d** (11) for eighteen years until he eventually retired and \_ \_ **t** \_ \_ \_ **d** (12) down in Gloucester in 1968.

## II. Put the words in the correct form.

1. It's Frank's ..... (OBSTINATE) that drives his parents crazy. They can't even persuade him to brush his teeth in the morning.
2. In spite of having rather small ..... (EARN) she lives quite an extravagant life.
3. .... (OFFEND) such as mugging are quite common in the district. That's at least what the police reports say.
4. Mr Perkins spent two years in a concentration camp after he had been taken ..... (PRISON) in Gdańsk in 1943.

5. How can you say I'm not ..... (SUIT) for the post? Haven't I got enough experience as a typist?
6. If you don't remember Ann's telephone number now, you can look it up in the ..... (DIRECT).
7. To everybody's ..... (AMUSE) , the clown stumbled on the bar and fell flat on the floor.
8. 'Where's Peter?' 'I suppose he is outside in the ..... (BACK) together with the other children.'
9. The cost of the summer house shouldn't be high as I'm going to have it built on a wooden ..... (FRAME) .
10. Fresh air and a dose of relaxation might prove ..... (BENEFIT) to your health, so don't hesitate and take a few days off.
11. Solar energy, wind and other ..... (NEW) sources might represent an alternative to the conventional ones which cause a lot of damage to the natural environment.
12. The Thompsons have helped us a lot in these hard times. We do feel ..... (DEBT) to them for their great support.
13. The process of the evolution of the human being has always been conditioned by the ..... (CLIMATE) changes.
14. The police car ran into a lamp post while in ..... (PURSUE) of the stolen van.
15. Unfortunately, the chemist couldn't offer any effective medicine for my temporary ..... (SICK).

**III. Replace each italicized phrase or adjective with a synonymous one.**

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alert	ample	consistent	domestic	dubious
minute	miserable	notable	overweight	petrified
prompt	secure	skilled	strict	tempting

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1. Harry claims Mr Mahoney is a reliable character, but I'm rather *doubtful* about it.  
.....
2. Pamela took a *very small* portion of the icecream because she said she was on a diet. ....

3. You needn't hurry, we have got **more than enough** time before the ceremony begins.  
.....
4. If you want to get some news from abroad, you ought to read the other newspaper.  
This one deals with **home** affairs only. ....
5. It's important for babies to feel **safe** with their parents. ....
6. I don't think it's a good idea to admit Paul to our party. He isn't very **stable in his beliefs** and he frequently changes his point of view. ....
7. You can't expect the marine forces to let you join them. You are too **fat** to undergo their tough training successfully. ....
8. The most **remarkable** of Dimitry Mendeleev's achievements was the development of the periodic table of the chemical elements. ....
9. The man said he could only offer short-term manual work for **well-trained** workers.  
.....
10. The tourists were warned by their guide to be **watchful** as there might be snakes moving in the grass. ....
11. If only it stopped raining for a **while**. I hate to think that this **awful** weather is forecast till the end of August. ....
12. It was Jim's **rapid** reaction that saved our lives. There's no saying what could have happened if he hadn't noticed the oncoming lorry. ....
13. We found their offer **most alluring**. However, we couldn't leave our children behind and go skiing for the whole week. ....
14. The law is very **severe** in such cases, so I assume the rapist will receive a heavy sentence. ....
15. The zoo visitors were **scared stiff** when the two lions got out of their cage.  
.....

**IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.**

1. Hats like this aren't fashionable any longer.  
..... **date**.
2. Stanley is rather fearful of the new algebra teacher. (**awe of**)  
.....
3. I'm sorry, I didn't intend to take your book home.  
..... **accident**.

4. Our father will probably stay longer in Rome than he expected. (probability)

.....

5. The patient's quick recovery after so serious an accident was amazing. (made)

.....

6. How did you manage to carry such a heavy suitcase? (cope)

.....?

7. If you let him go unpunished, he will certainly do that again.

Let .....

8. All the passengers of the jumbo jet were killed in the crash.

None .....

9. What was the reason for the engine's breakdown?

Why ..... wrong?

10. The young policeman was completely unaware that he was in danger. (oblivious)

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**V. Fill the gaps with the correct words.**

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earshot	eye	floor	glance	houses
large	matter	mood	pity	root
side	spirits	stomach	time	tricks

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1. Mary entered her brother's room and found the boy in high .....

He was enthusiastic about having won a big sum of money in the lottery.

2. You may get drunk very quickly if you drink too much alcohol on an empty

.....

3. Today's newspapers report that the escaped bank robber hasn't been caught yet.

He has been at ..... since January.

4. The flying instructor has made his students aware that operating a hang glider is no

laughing ..... at all.

5. I don't want to go the concert! I'm in no ..... for listening to classical

music this evening.

6. Jason made a few minor mistakes in his exercise, but the teacher turned a blind

..... on them and gave him a good mark.

7. I found out at a ..... that something was wrong between Adam and his wife.
8. Uncle Jerry was the most compassionate person i have ever known. He used to take ..... on all the homeless and beggars he knew.
9. Nobody has examined the question before us, so it may appear to be unusually difficult to get to the ..... of the problem.
10. Don't move from this place! You are as safe as ..... here.
11. Now that Mr Harvey has finished his speech, the ..... is yours.  
Come and explain your point of view.
12. The number of the syringes the charity has donated isn't big, but it should suffice for the ..... being.
13. It has been decided that the two boys will be expelled from school for playing nasty ..... on the teachers and the other pupils.
14. I don't think there is a need for our players to worry. We are stronger, more experienced and the spectators are on our ....., too.
15. The star's manageress was out of my ..... and that's why I couldn't hear clearly what she was saying.

## TEST 9

### I. Choose the words that best complete the sentences in the text.

Sleeping disorders like insomnia can ..... (1) to be a worrying question for many of us. Almost anyone can easily conjure ..... (2) at least one sleepless night of ..... (3) and turning in bed awaiting the bliss of a deep dream. Most probably, a third of us ..... (4) the distressing experience at least once a week.

Even though it is possible for people to ..... (5) without any sleep at all for a certain period of time, such occurrences are rather few and far ..... (6) and there is no evidence to ..... (7) this assumption. What is sure, however, is the fact that we do need some sleep to regenerate our strength and to ..... (8) the brain to its proper activity. No wonder, then, that the tiredness and fatigue that appear after a sleepless night ..... (9) many of us to go for chemical support in the form of sleep ..... (10) tablets or powders.

However long the problem of sleeplessness has afflicted many individuals, very little has been ..... (11) in the question of its original causes. We are conscious that it usually ..... (12) those who are exposed to a great deal of stress, anxiety or depression. It may also be ..... (13) by overworking or unfavourable surroundings with scarcity of fresh air.

Sleeping pills may provide some relief and can act as an alternative in this desperate situation. Yet, they do little to combat the ailment in full. Consequently, our hopes should be ..... (14) on the medical authorities to ..... (15) the root cause of insomnia before we take to being nocturnals leading our noisy lives in the dead of night.

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|------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. a) present    | b) entail    | c) realize    | d) prove        |
| 2. a) up         | b) about     | c) off        | d) out          |
| 3. a) rolling    | b) wriggling | c) tossing    | d) spinning     |
| 4. a) underpass  | b) undergo   | c) underlie   | d) undertake    |
| 5. a) operate    | b) process   | c) function   | d) perform      |
| 6. a) between    | b) along     | c) within     | d) beyond       |
| 7. a) proclaim   | b) endure    | c) invalidate | d) substantiate |
| 8. a) recuperate | b) restore   | c) revive     | d) resume       |

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|-------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 9. a) exert       | b) affect    | c) enforce    | d) compel       |
| 10. a) inducing   | b) attaining | c) exacting   | d) contributing |
| 11. a) disparaged | b) retrieved | c) detected   | d) originated   |
| 12. a) betrays    | b) besets    | c) bemoans    | d) bestowes     |
| 13. a) engendered | b) applied   | c) instigated | d) evolved      |
| 14. a) placed     | b) ascribed  | c) focused    | d) attached     |
| 15. a) emerge     | b) release   | c) determine  | d) confess      |

**II. Put the words in the correct form.**

- If we hadn't ..... (ECONOMY) on food and water, we wouldn't have survived a single day in the cave.
- The witness claimed she was capable of discovering the man's evil intentions from the ..... (MURDER) look in his eyes.
- Jane's been granted a one year ..... (SCHOOL) at one of the most renowned universities in Europe.
- Our father is a firm ..... (BELIEVE) in faith healing. He even tries to propagate it among his friends.
- 'Have you got any ..... (GIVE) about the cooperation?' 'Oh no, I'm sure it will be successful.'
- Andrew says the local library should be subsidized by the tax payers, but most of us disagree with his ..... (JUDGE).
- It's most ..... (DESIRE) that all our employees should take a course in self-defence.
- Mr Cramp couldn't find any ..... (APPLY) for the welding machine in his workshop and, finally, he sold it to his brother-in-law.
- Everybody was surprised at his ..... (EXPECT) explosion of anger. Before, he had said he was satisfied with the outcome of the negotiations.
- Since she retired she hasn't got much to do, and so she has taken up embroidering out of ..... (BORE) .
- The police forces which arrived after a short while were completely ..... (POWER). They couldn't stop the mob from fighting by any means.
- We were shown a rich ..... (VARY) of woolen sweaters in different colours and sizes.



13. It's been expected that next month the government will receive a .....  
(DEFINE) answer to their request for financial support from the European Union.
14. This film may only be watched by children under parental ..... (GUIDE).
15. Mr Parker's proposals met with a sharp ..... (REFUSE) from the other  
members of the Board.

### III. Insert the correct prepositions.

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**AT   BEYOND   BY   FOR   FROM   IN   INTO   OF   ON   WITH**

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1. When the detective reached ..... his gun, the crowd stepped  
nervously back.
2. According to the guidebook, this region is notorious ..... floods and  
tornadoes.
3. The owners of huge companies are more likely to benefit ..... the new  
law than the small business entrepreneurs.
4. Beware ..... the heavy traffic in the centre of the city or else you'll  
waste at least two hours in the jams.
5. She said she had great faith ..... us. I think we'll have to do our best  
not to let her down.
6. It's not so easy to be patient ..... young pupils, especially if the only  
thing they speak about are video games.
7. I was tough. They had a hard time of persuading me ..... changing my  
mind about the weekend plans.
8. You'd better ask Tom about the girl. I can't tell you much as I only know her  
..... sight.
9. We don't want anybody else to find out about our arrangements, do we? We must  
organize everything ..... secret.
10. He says he could do all the work ..... his own. But, I don't believe one  
person will ever be able to lift those heavy boxes.
11. The tanker had already been ..... sea for two weeks when it struck  
the iceberg.
12. Their design didn't vary much ..... ours. Consequently, the  
jury decided to reward them both.

13. I'm afraid you'll have to buy a new hairdryer; this one is ..... repair.
14. During this month, we'll be concentrating ..... developing the basic skill of using the aqualung.
15. A brigade of well-trained commandoes participated in the action against the terrorists armed ..... machine guns and grenades.

**IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.**

1. I have never read such an interesting article about space exploration. (first time)  
**It** .....
2. Mark doesn't like to be told what to do.  
**Mark hates** .....
3. You will start to feel better as soon as you take this medicine.  
**The moment** .....
4. Haven't you ever had the idea that you could emigrate? (occurred)  
 .....?
5. I doubt whether it will stop raining till afternoon.  
**It is** .....
6. I'm sure he recognized us at the airport.  
**He must** .....
7. The wind was so strong that we could hardly walk. (such)  
 .....
8. Sorry, we haven't got any more free tickets.  
 ..... left.
9. Mike doesn't use his tape recorder very often.  
**Hardly ever** .....
10. They haven't invited either Mr Hornby or his wife to the barbecue.  
**Neither** .....

**V. Choose the correct answer.**

1. I was ..... to believe that she was a representative of the Labour Party.  
a) declared      b) carried      c) led      d) explained
2. It has been kept ..... for about ten years that the minister's son committed a crime.  
a) unaware      b) secret      c) mystery      d) obscure
3. One could see with the ..... eye that there was a lighthouse on the promontory.  
a) naked      b) sole      c) nude      d) shut
4. These two items don't differ much. The ..... is even more apparent when you put them together.  
a) similarity      b) likelihood      c) coincidence      d) analogy
5. Your rude behaviour was an ..... to the host and his wife. I don't think they will ever invite us to their home again.  
a) abuse      b) insult      c) injury      d) aversion
6. For almost fifty years, the citizens of this country were ..... from travelling abroad unless they were politicians.  
a) suspended      b) rejected      c) averted      d) forbidden
7. I wouldn't ..... their position in the market. They may appear to be very influential one day in the future.  
a) undertake      b) underestimate      c) underwrite      d) undercharge
8. We can't admit a person who hasn't ..... the required number of points at the entrance examination.  
a) scored      b) assessed      c) settled      d) qualified
9. .... he delivers the report, it will be sent to the headquarters.  
a) On the point      b) At once      c) Immediately      d) Soon enough
10. The most probable ..... for your chronic headache is lack of good rest.  
a) factor      b) background      c) origin      d) reason
11. This cheese isn't fit for eating. It's ..... all over after lying in the bin for so long.  
a) rusty      b) mouldy      c) spoiled      d) sour

12. I cannot think of the correct answer. Could you drop me a small ....., please?  
a) tip      b) idea      c) hint      d) word
13. It was ..... time we went home after having spent the whole afternoon in the neighbour's garden.  
a) only      b) just      c) near      d) about
14. Why not ask the tailor to shorten the jacket a little? Unless you don't want it to ..... perfectly with the trousers.  
a) go      b) do      c) make      d) suit
15. Studs was only the boy's ..... His real name was William.  
a) label      b) nickname      c) identity      d) figure
16. It's interesting how the rumour about my promotion began to .....  
a) progress      b) spread      c) publicize      d) emit
17. What we saw was absolutely unusual. Crowds of people from all four ..... of the world were cheering the arrival of the astronauts.  
a) corners      b) edges      c) spots      d) places
18. Mr Henson's bitter comments on the management's mistakes gave ..... to the conflict which has already lasted for four months.  
a) cause      b) ground      c) goal      d) rise
19. Numerous ..... have prevented us from going to the lakeside again this year.  
a) inhibitions      b) deterrents      c) impairments      d) adversities
20. That tall fair woman ..... me of my mother.  
a) reminds      b) remembers      c) reminisces      d) recalls

## TEST 10

### I. Replace each italicized word with a synonymous one.

The *huge* (1) mountain of Kilimanjaro is one of the most *distinctive* (2) entities within the severe land of the African wilderness. Rivers carrying life to the forests and jungles below flow from beneath the eminence, whereas in the endless plains of this continent an *astonishing* (3) diversity of animal species have evolved to take advantage of the *immense* (4) African habitat. They have adapted and *survived* (5) in their different shapes and sizes. Some of them are big, some small, some eat plants and some live on meat. There are those which *wander* (6) alone, unlike the others which *gather* (7) in herds. The multiplying millions of herbivores are balanced by the *frightening* (8) meat eaters - carnivores whose body build has been shaped for *speed* (9) and for the strength *indispensable* (10) to outmanoeuvring their prey. These superior predators which have *conducted* (11) their daily struggle for survival in the harsh African environment all live in unfavourable surroundings where the punishment for *weakness* (12) is often deadly. The reality of Africa best *pictures* (13) the exciting cruelty of nature towards the weakness of individual animals as only the existence of the whole species is essential. However, big predators like lions or tigers don't usually tolerate company and might, then, be exposed to mortal *danger* (14), were it not for their perfect attributes and an incomparable skill at killing. They should never be *judged* (15) by human standards. It is obvious they don't kill out of hatred, but for the simple reason of remaining alive during their lone struggle in this hostile habitat.

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|-------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 1. a) gorgeous    | b) squalid    | c) mighty    | d) vigorous     |
| 2. a) peculiar    | b) intrinsic  | c) solitary  | d) unanimous    |
| 3. a) bewildering | b) staggering | c) appalling | d) exasperating |
| 4. a) prodigious  | b) prevalent  | c) supreme   | d) cumbersome   |
| 5. a) retained    | b) excelled   | c) borne     | d) endured      |
| 6. a) strive      | b) growl      | c) roam      | d) rumble       |
| 7. a) assemble    | b) consign    | c) spread    | d) commence     |
| 8. a) indignant   | b) ruthless   | c) exquisite | d) intimidating |
| 9. a) quandary    | b) velocity   | c) conundrum | d) miscellany   |
| 10. a) volatile   | b) righteous  | c) prodigal  | d) imperative   |
| 11. a) engaged    | b) waged      | c) procured  | d) surpassed    |

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| 12. a) vulnerability | b) timidity | c) vicinity  | d) flamboyance |
| 13. a) observes      | b) foresees | c) appears   | d) visualizes  |
| 14. a) blemish       | b) peril    | c) thrill    | d) havoc       |
| 15. a) estimated     | b) surveyed | c) conceived | d) assumed     |

**II. Put the words in the correct form.**

- The refreshments they treated us to were ..... (PLENTY) and most delicious.
- The incident on the western ..... (FRONT) may have negative consequences upon our mutual relations.
- No wonder Anthony escaped abroad after having spent his boyhood in such ..... (MISERY) conditions.
- The residential districts ..... (HABIT) by the Pakistani families are subsidized by the government.
- Your ..... (SURVIVE) was short of miraculous. Imagine what could have happened if the ejector seat hadn't worked properly.
- Thanks to the ..... (EXTEND) promotion of the book its publishers have received an impressive number of orders from around the country.
- Will the Eurosport channel provide any ..... (COVER) for the approaching Tour de France?
- 'How can we get into the building, sir?' 'Go round the fence and you will see the ..... (ENTER) at the red gate.'
- The vast ..... (MAJOR) of the students were reluctant to join the summer camp as most of them had already found other jobs.
- Chris has got an ..... (EXCEPT) sense of humour and that's why he is so welcome in every company.
- We are going to have quite an upsetting ..... (MOVE) from this flat. I can't imagine transporting the furnishings and the other equipment in our small van.
- I was overcome with great ..... (BITTER) when my invitation was rejected by most of my friends.
- They want me to carry out chemical experiments in their laboratory. I'm afraid I'll have to ..... (FRESH) my memory about chemistry thoroughly.
- Mary has no practical experience in treating sick animals. She only has ..... (BOOK) knowledge of the subject.

15. The Establishment broke up after it had been discovered that several officials were involved in ..... (BRIBE) and corruption.

III. Add the suitable verbs to make the correct phrasal verbs.

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bear	call	care	hold	keep
lean	leave	let	look	make
pay	pile	run	step	take

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- 'James, would you like to see Steven Spielberg's new film?' 'Of course, I would.'  
'All right, then. I will ..... for you on my way to the cinema this evening.'
- 'Can one ..... on the chairman's promise of support?' 'I should think so. He makes an impression of a reliable man.'
- My sister says she doesn't ..... for horror films and she won't go to the cinema with us.
- I'm not going to give your car back until you have ..... off the whole debt you owe me.
- Unless the conflict between the two countries is resolved soon, the peacekeeping forces will have to ..... in and restore order.
- The statements that she gave were ..... out by the other witnesses, so the suspect was found guilty by the magistrate.
- I'd better get down to my duties or else my work will start to ..... up and I will have to stay in the office after hours.
- The terrified woman said the bus had been ..... up by a gang of masked terrorists who had kidnapped the male passengers.
- The doctor told her patient to wait a minute until she ..... up a prescription.
- They are seeking people with good experience as drivers. Mike, it's a perfect chance for you to ..... on the job.
- After seven miles of running at a swift pace, George realized he wouldn't manage to ..... up with the other runners and he dropped out of the race.
- As far as I remember, the speaker was to have spoken about the crisis, but it seems he has ..... out the most important part of his speech intentionally.

13. I can't wear this skirt, it's too tight for me. I'll go to the dressmaker and have it ..... **out**.
14. Betty is very keen on fashion. She ..... **up to** professional models because she dreams of becoming one herself.
15. Your time is ..... **out** and you must hurry to finish writing your test by 12 o'clock.

**IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.**

1. Celine has always been fond of classical music. (**taste**)  
.....
2. Peter and his roommate differ from each other a lot.  
..... **common**.
3. Nobody helps this old man with chopping the wood.  
..... **himself**.
4. The last time I stayed in London was in 1984.  
..... **since 1984**.
5. The jury said Mr Cutter was guilty of misappropriating a huge sum of money. (**found**)  
.....
6. If you come across my old wooden box somewhere in the cellar, don't throw it away.  
**Should** .....
7. The secretary said my explanation was unbelievable. (**beyond**)  
.....
8. She doesn't mind informing the rest of the party about the bad news. (**letting**)  
.....
9. They cannot watch this film because they aren't adult yet. (**under**)  
.....
10. If you sleep longer, you will be more relaxed.  
**The longer** .....



**v. Fill the gaps with the correct words.**

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<b>balance</b>	<b>break</b>	<b>charge</b>	<b>deal</b>	<b>dirt</b>
<b>feet</b>	<b>head</b>	<b>life</b>	<b>mark</b>	<b>milk</b>
<b>package</b>	<b>sigh</b>	<b>steps</b>	<b>things</b>	<b>way</b>

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1. My father has gone to Bristol and he has left the office under my .....
2. The unconscious man was brought back to ..... after three hours of a desperate rescue action.
3. You could hear the ..... of relief let out by some of the students after the test results had been announced.
4. The pavement was so slippery that hardly anyone could keep their .....
5. Alice wouldn't make a good accountant. She hasn't got a ..... for figures.
6. I think I'll give up going dancing tonight because I'm not feeling up to the .....
7. In the new pub round the corner, beer is ..... cheap. That's why the place is always full.
8. Go for the ..... tour and you won't have to bother about tickets, hotels or even meals.
9. The police have obtained an urgent order to take radical ..... against the riots that have broken out in the city centre.
10. Nigel looked brave enough to penetrate the ancient galley deep at the sea bottom, but when it came to the real action he got cold .....
11. It's no use crying over spilt ..... . You will have another chance of passing the examination in two months' time.
12. It was pitch dark in the corridor and I had to feel my ..... by reaching out my hands for the walls.
13. 'Look! George Watson is dating Muriel.' 'That's impossible, you must be seeing .....
14. If we set off at the ..... of dawn, there is a possibility that the traffic won't be too heavy.
15. There was a great ..... of appreciation for Mr Townsend who had donated a large sum of money for the preservation of the historical monuments.

# TEST 11

## I. Choose the words that best complete the sentences in the text.

Since the time of Nostradamus, meteorologists have been trying to ..... (1) the mystery of climatic changes. Their ..... (2) has been to be able to precisely ..... (3) the weather for the days to come. In the past, meteorologists looked skywards to find hints in the clouds. At present, their eyes are ..... (4) at the spots where the most intriguing climatic transformations ..... (5) about, namely, the ..... (6) depths of the oceans where swirls, whirlpools and waves ..... (7) the patterns for the future weather.

The most efficient way of ..... (8) hold of the everchanging map of the swirling currents circulating their heat around the planet is from space. Weather satellites ..... (9) with complicated instruments examine the surface and the bottom of the oceans and determine the exact height of water. The impressive advantage offered by satellite scanning is that measurements can be ..... (10) even in the most inaccessible parts of the oceans and can provide daily pictures of the water surface together with the ..... (11) wave height and wind speed.

..... (12) being a priceless device for predicting climatic conditions for tourists, farmers or aviators, weather satellites also ..... (13) advance warnings against storms or typhoons which ..... (14) the coastal populations to ..... (15) themselves against these destructive forces of nature.

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|------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1. a) obviate    | b) account     | c) decipher     | d) elaborate |
| 2. a) subject    | b) objectivity | c) subjection   | d) objective |
| 3. a) unravel    | b) perceive    | c) forecast     | d) explore   |
| 4. a) looked     | b) directed    | c) focused      | d) applied   |
| 5. a) come       | b) turn        | c) bring        | d) get       |
| 6. a) utmost     | b) indefinite  | c) terminal     | d) ultimate  |
| 7. a) accomplish | b) procure     | c) generate     | d) formulate |
| 8. a) getting    | b) coming      | c) finding      | d) making    |
| 9. a) equipped   | b) delivered   | c) supplemented | d) donated   |
| 10. a) done      | b) formed      | c) fulfilled    | d) taken     |

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|-------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| 11. a) calculated | b) amounted | c) scored    | d) enumerated |
| 12. a) Besides    | b) Apart    | c) Otherwise | d) Whereby    |
| 13. a) denote     | b) proceed  | c) emerge    | d) issue      |
| 14. a) entitle    | b) entail   | c) enable    | d) enforce    |
| 15. a) protect    | b) ward     | c) sustain   | d) preserve   |

**II. Put the words in the correct form.**

- The captain's every ..... (MOVE) was carefully observed by the secret service.
- If the oil refinery continues dismissing their ..... (EMPLOY), they will probably have to reduce their production.
- After this unpleasant event, we expect that at least some of you will be able to draw the right ..... (CONCLUDE).
- Professor McCarthy is famous for a number of ..... (SCIENCE) discoveries he has made in the fields of chemistry and biology.
- Rudolph is a very ..... (CREATE) composer. We have hired him to write for our orchestra because we all admire his unusual musical talent.
- It is common ..... (KNOW) that dolphins can communicate with each other by means of ultrasounds.
- The coach says that if our rivals manage to score another goal, we are to withdraw in to a ..... (DEFEND) position.
- The minority groups have always fought for their ..... (FREE) of religion, yet, the conflict hasn't ever been so serious as during the recent three months.
- Who would have thought that the project would turn out to be a complete ..... (FAIL)?
- This permanent ..... (SHORT) of water in the district makes most of us go crazy, especially in the morning.
- The fireworks show was most ..... (SPECTACLE). No wonder it attracted such big crowds of people.
- I can't stop thinking why so little is being done to support the nations suffering from severe ..... (POOR) .
- Don't bother to water the flowers in the garden. There is no ..... (NECESSARY) to do it right after the rain.

14. It was a great ..... (LOSE) to our section when Mr Douglas, the most experienced programmer, had to stay in hospital for two months.
15. One of the passengers was arrested after some ..... (EXPLODE) materials had been found in his luggage.

III. Replace each **italicized phrase or adjective** with a **synonymous one**.

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**awkward   calamitous   comprehensible   discontented**  
**enormous   futile   gorgeous   laborious   major**  
**mistaken   nourishing   smooth   solitary   superficial   void**

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1. 'What does this note read?' 'I've no idea at all. I suppose it's only *understandable* to those who wrote it.' .....
2. Milk and other dairy products are very *rich in substances necessary for building good health*. .....
3. Are you sure you want to join in? The task that we are going to carry out will be very *exhausting and difficult*. .....
4. The *most serious* changes they have introduced have affected education at the elementary level. ....
5. I don't envy Mr Carter in the least. Living such a *lonely* life as he does must certainly be very painful. ....
6. Alex is *not too happy* with his new class. The youths still consider him a stranger. ....
7. What a *first-class* idea! Imagine sailing together across the ocean in a yacht like this. ....
8. No wonder they can afford to buy a new house every two years if their father earns such a *huge* amount of money. ....
9. Unfortunately, the sea isn't always so *quiet and peaceful* on this part of the western coast. ....
10. I'll give up calling the agency if my next attempt is *unsuccessful*. ....
11. What's the point of storing all these *empty* containers? Do you think they may prove useful? .....
12. The silence that followed after the president's statement was a bit *uncomfortable*, but nobody dared to comment on it. ....

13. You're *wrong*. Samuel doesn't come from Argentina. He is a Jew and he lives in Israel. ....
14. As usual, the Ariola cyclone has been *very tragic* in its consequences.  
.....
15. Stop panicking, George. Your wounds are *not so deep and serious*. I'm certain your arm isn't broken, either. ....

**IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.**

1. Bob feels uneasy whenever he has to dine with his superiors.  
**Having to** .....
2. I support the notion to lift the trade embargo. (**for**)  
.....
3. This is Ann's favourite soap opera.  
..... **the most.**
4. The guide recommended we should leave very early. (**our**)  
.....
5. He is making us study hard for the exam next term.  
**We are** .....
6. I'm afraid it's going to rain.  
**It looks** .....
7. If he were to propose, what would you tell him?  
**Supposing** .....
8. This matter is so complicated that we don't know how to deal with it.  
**So** .....
9. Our son wants to see the military parade very much. (**anxious**)  
.....
10. Arnold speaks French much better than his sister does.  
**Arnold's sister** .....

**V. Choose the correct answer.**

1. It was hard to ..... the temptation to watch the late night show even though I was so tired.  
a) defy      b) refuse      c) resist      d) oppose
2. The realisation of our holiday plans has had to be ..... because of my mother's sudden illness.  
a) prevented      b) shelved      c) expired      d) lingered
3. The alarm sound was received by several units which hurried to the ..... immediately.  
a) rescue      b) saving      c) protection      d) security
4. Don't be angry with Sue. All that she did was in good .....  
a) hope      b) belief      c) idea      d) faith
5. I think we can rely on Mr Bronson's advice. I've known him for ages and I have already found out he has got excellent ..... in modern art.  
a) fashion      b) intelligence      c) taste      d) feeling
6. All the inhabitants in the area have been asked to ..... at home if the storm returns.  
a) settle      b) dwell      c) remain      d) occupy
7. We were lucky the taxi arrived without any ..... Otherwise we wouldn't have arrived in time for our train.  
a) pause      b) delay      c) wait      d) interruption
8. Could you ..... us that any possible obstacles will be eliminated?  
a) confirm      b) pledge      c) assure      d) declare
9. Not only were the little children ..... with this nasty cold. We had a few adult patients, too.  
a) afflicted      b) imposed      c) injured      d) aggravated
10. What's your ..... towards their advice? Do you think it's convincing or not?  
a) appeal      b) matter      c) regard      d) attitude
11. Does anyone recognize the girl with a ..... of flowers in her hand?  
a) range      b) pack      c) bunch      d) heap
12. It's ..... of this kind of work to take a lot of time.  
a) usual      b) average      c) characteristic      d) regular

13. The way Nigel ..... this task wasn't satisfactory for the director, and so a specialist had to be hired.  
a) employed      b) dealt      c) coped      d) approached
14. The three boys object to being separated as they have ..... this room for the last five months.  
a) shared      b) joined      c) united      d) associated
15. A small ..... of this medicine should be enough to lessen the pain.  
a) part      b) size      c) dose      d) ration
16. His public announcement of the secret plans was dealt a sheer ..... of confidence and was heavily criticized by the other members of the council.  
a) damage      b) breach      c) crash      d) fracture
17. According to the minister, changes in the budget will ..... all of us soon.  
a) refer      b) impact      c) experience      d) affect
18. This fund has been set up to help protect those ..... of animals that are endangered with complete extinction.  
a) kinds      b) species      c) races      d) breeds
19. Several hundred people have signed the petition to put a ..... to the nuclear tests in the region.  
a) stop      b) finish      c) break      d) cease
20. Nobody, even the best doctors, expected Frank's ..... to be so quick and successful after so severe an accident.  
a) renewal      b) resumption      c) recuperation      d) remuneration

## TEST 12

### I. Write in the correct words.

We all know that life on earth can be depressing at times. But if it's really **t** **g** (1) you down, why not think about the possibility of moving to a different environment. It's assumed that by the year 2050 technological solutions will **b** (2) people to settle on other planets with a perfect potential for generating their own energy out of local **s** **s** (3). However, there are plenty of **t** **s** (4) to overcome until the first successful settlement on Mars, for example, is viable. Outer space is known to be a hostile environment with no oxygen to **r** (5) and extremely low temperatures **a** **g** (6) absolute zero. The solar and cosmic radiation can also prove to be **h** (7) for fragile earthly organisms.

Although we take our elementary life support system for **d** (8) here on earth, there is no saying what might happen if we set out on a trek in space without the protection of the earthly atmosphere. Happily, the contemporary space expeditions have been thoroughly planned to **f** (9) our astronauts against the immensely adverse **i** (10) of the inhospitable surroundings of space. Therefore, they are located in hermetic and sealed cabins with a fresh **y** (11) of air and conditions simulating those on earth.

The first step towards space colonization is still to be made. The prospects are that the pioneers will only be provided with the most necessary equipment and that their advancement will be carefully examined by the experts in a variety of **l** **s** (12) including astronomy, medicine, physics and biology.

### II. Put the words in the correct form.

1. Living on your own can be ..... (RELATE) expensive.
2. Did she make any ..... (REFER) to her last visit to the White House during the press conference?
3. It was the most ..... (ENJOY) summer we have ever had.
4. I've made up my mind to take a course in ..... (MANAGE) as I intend to set up my own business in the future.
5. The man looked out of the door ..... (SUSPECT) and having found out there was nobody in the street, he rushed towards the car.



6. The Polish and the other foreign ..... (TOUR) are supposed to have a valid visa when visiting our country.
7. This is ..... (DOUBT) Michael. I'd recognize him even if he wore a beard.
8. Lisa and Ronald's ..... (MARRY) was one of a great happiness, unshaken by any violent conflicts
9. His ..... (SOCIETY) life is very active. He takes part in every friendly meeting and visits the local Youth Centre almost every day.
10. Somebody called for organizing a rally. But, there were numerous ..... (OBJECT) to it from the union members.
11. It is strange how her ..... (PERSON) changed after she joined the sect.
12. Bob McCarthy spent his ..... (YOUNG) in a Scottish village from where he emigrated to Canada in 1972.
13. Don't be afraid, I have no ..... (INTEND) of doing any harm to you. I just want you to tell me where the secret documents are.
14. These two parts won't match. They are ..... (EQUAL) .
15. Keep doing heavy physical exercise and you'll certainly build up your ..... (STRONG).

### III. Insert the correct prepositions.

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**ABOUT    AGAINST    BEHIND    BY    FOR    IN    ON    OVER    WITH**

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1. Just say you need me and I am ..... hand.
2. The bank manager has advised us to leave our papers in the safe just ..... safekeeping.
3. Should anyone disagree ..... your offer, tell them that you have been given the direct backing of the Treasury.
4. Tom has promised to have my tuner repaired by Saturday, but I'm rather doubtful ..... it.
5. Nowadays, it's terribly hard to find a good professional specializing ..... old weaponry.
6. This is a specifically female section, men are rather ..... the minority here.

7. How about taking revenge ..... the gang ..... their cruelty?
8. At this point, it seems impossible that any rival team might take an advantage ..... our team.
9. The communist government has resigned ..... the background of the widespread social unrest.
10. It's no use insisting ..... organizing the bonfire in the woods.  
The gamekeeper will never allow us to do that.
11. Jack, I remind you that you are two months ..... with your essays.  
Deliver them by next Friday or I'll have to contact your parents.
12. I can tell you ..... certainty that this music score is less interesting than the one he wrote previously.
13. 'Did the employer ask Mary to work overtime?' 'No, I suppose she did it ..... choice.'
14. .... my part, it doesn't interest me ..... the least whether you keep this money or give it away.
15. There's no bigger pleasure than sitting here ..... the open air listening to the birds' singing and smelling the scent of the spring flowers.

**IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.**

1. Is Eddie familiar with the consequences of his irrational behaviour? (**aware**)  
.....?
2. She always speaks about her children's achievements with great pride. (**boasts**)  
.....
3. It's a pity you didn't ask us to spend the time with you.  
**If only** .....
4. The police were only able to break the riots using force. (**means**)  
.....
5. Have you always been interested in hunting? (**fond**)  
.....?
6. The existence of the polar bear is endangered.  
..... **stake**.

7. I'm sorry that you've had to wait for me for so long. (**kept**)

.....

8. The only person responsible for the breakdown was Eric. (**to blame**)

**Eric** .....

9. Sue's handbag was stolen by a foreign passenger.

**It was** .....

10. Joan said she didn't usually drink coffee in the morning. (**accustomed**)

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**V. Fill the gaps with the correct words.**

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air	bee	day	ear	effect
face	family	frame	kin	matter
motion	pains	point	shape	way

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1. You must try to bear the pain now. The medicine will only take .....  
after a few minutes.

2. 'Where's Danny?' 'I think he's hurried home to tell the good news to his next of  
.....'

3. Stop pressing me now, will you? I'm not in the right ..... of mind to  
take a proper decision.

4. Having examined the tape recordings in slow ....., the detectives  
identified the probable assassin.

5. None of the travellers panicked even in the ..... of a mortal danger.

6. Why don't we call it a .....? It's got too dark to go on repairing the  
bridge.

7. 'Mark's got no time for his friends and he doesn't even watch television in the evening.  
I guess he must be very hard at work, then.' 'Indeed, he is as busy as  
a ..... doing the novel translation.'

8. Sit down and lend me your ..... I'm going to tell you this fascinating  
story from the very beginning.

9. 'Robert's as funny as his father, isn't he?' 'That's right. Good humour seems to run in  
their .....'

10. She said she was on the ..... of leaving the restaurant unserved when the waiter approached her table.
11. I don't know what made you think Adam was against our policy. Now, let me clear the ..... and convince you that he's our most loyal supporter.
12. 'Did you call him a liar?' 'Well, as a ..... of fact I did. I'm sorry.'
13. Don't forget to thank aunt Betty warmly. She's really gone to great ..... to buy that dictionary for you.
14. 'Don't you think this insect is very strange?' 'Indeed. It's completely out of the ..... I've never seen anything like that before.'
15. At first, it was difficult to imagine this plan would work at all. But the more we worked on it, the better ..... it took.

## TEST 13

### I. Choose the words that best complete the sentences in the text.

One of the hazards that electronic media like the television, radio or computers ..... (1) these days is the ..... (2) in book reading.

The concern ..... (3) mainly to the younger generations who are strongly ..... (4) by the glamour of the silver screen and, consequently, don't ..... (5) the importance of acquiring first-hand information from books.

To ..... (6) reading for pleasure and to propagate a wide array of publications like encyclopaedias, ..... (7) books, manuals or fiction, radical solutions should be applied. Firstly, more ..... (8) ought to be put on the educational ..... (9). Youngsters should be made to feel comfortable while reading either for information or self-satisfaction in public places like airports, buses or on the beach. Secondly, libraries must be subsidized more accurately in order to provide the potential reader with ..... (10) choice of publications and to become more publically active so as to put books at people's ..... (11) rather than keep them under lock and key. Fund collecting actions organized by libraries might also ..... (12) the public awareness of the advantages of becoming ..... (13) in a good book.

Finally, the mass media themselves might contribute substantially by recommending the purchase of valuable best-sellers and inspiring their viewers to ..... (14) their knowledge and erudition, and thus help them to ..... (15) the habit of spontaneous everyday reading.

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| 1. a) denote    | b) play        | c) arise     | d) pose        |
| 2. a) rarity    | b) decline     | c) shortage  | d) deficiency  |
| 3. a) indicates | b) affects     | c) embodies  | d) applies     |
| 4. a) tempted   | b) exposed     | c) submitted | d) involved    |
| 5. a) observe   | b) recognize   | c) view      | d) distinguish |
| 6. a) incite    | b) revert      | c) instill   | d) encourage   |
| 7. a) referral  | b) referable   | c) referee   | d) reference   |
| 8. a) relevance | b) persistence | c) focus     | d) emphasis    |
| 9. a) factor    | b) ground      | c) matter    | d) point       |
| 10. a) prolific | b) ample       | c) lavish    | d) lush        |

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| 11. a) availability | b) usage   | c) benefit   | d) disposal     |
| 12. a) inflate      | b) amplify | c) raise     | d) expand       |
| 13. a) occupied     | b) inhaled | c) engrossed | d) incorporated |
| 14. a) enrich       | b) magnify | c) arouse    | d) elaborate    |
| 15. a) grow         | b) evolve  | c) proceed   | d) develop      |

**II. Put the words in the correct form.**

1. Don't be afraid of this small cat, it won't hurt you. It's absolutely .....  
(HARM) .
2. 'Is it true that two of your reporters have been taken hostage by the guerillas?'  
'Well, I can't support this ..... (ASSUME), but I can't question it, either.'
3. You needn't have planted the geraniums yesterday. The morning .....  
(FREEZE) has destroyed most of them, unfortunately.
4. Burt, you can feel satisfied with your life, can't you? You've got a wonderful wife and sweet kids, your job is very interesting and your high .....  
(COME) enable you to spend holidays in Hawaii each year.
5. The doctor has advised Andy to avoid heavy working and consume a ..... (SUBSTANCE) amount of vegetables every day.
6. According to the map, there is a source of ..... (POT) water somewhere near the temple ruins.
7. Nobody could believe the news. Yet, all the facts and evidence showed the prime minister's ..... (INVOLVE) in the affair was unquestionable.
8. Patrick's inspiring ..... (SPEAK) at the school anniversary won a generous round of applause from the teachers and the students alike.
9. Let's do something, I can't stand being kept in this horrible .....  
(SUSPEND) any longer.
10. Is it ..... (OBLIGE) for both of us to stay in the office after hours?
11. This red button should only be pressed if a serious ..... (EMERGE) arises.
12. I was almost driven crazy by this ..... (CONTINUE) knocking on the wall.
13. Cigarettes, coffee, alcohol and other ..... (ADD) are known to have an adverse influence upon human health.

14. There are voices that the orbital station ought to be ..... (MODERN)  
as soon as possible if a serious tragedy is to be averted.
15. We place a full ..... (RELY) on George whenever assistance is  
needed.

### III. Insert the correct prepositions.

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**AGAINST    AT    BY    FOR    FROM    IN    OF    ON    TO    WITH**

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1. I don't approve ..... his idea, but there's little I can do to prevent him  
..... trying his luck in the casino.
2. We were forced to work ..... the clock because our manager wanted  
this plan to be ready by the following day.
3. Andrew prefers staying at home in the evening ..... spending it at  
the disco.
4. We felt very sorry ..... Sylvia who hadn't been given any prize.
5. The robbers had escaped ..... the bank before the police arrived.
6. 'Are you going to send this package ..... mail?' 'No, I'm delivering  
it myself.'
7. 'Will you show us your new residence, please?' 'Ok, I will do it .....  
great pleasure.'
8. Tell the man that we can't repair his bicycle ..... once as the spare  
parts will only be delivered on Tuesday.
9. The bill hasn't been accepted by the government. .... other words,  
our salaries won't be higher.
10. I wonder how they are going to cope ..... such a complex matter  
having no experience in bookkeeping at all.
11. Mr Lumier's grandfather emigrated ..... Paris to Ohio in 1920.
12. .... spite of the initial difficulties, the crew of the royal yacht have  
taken the lead in the regatta.
13. Do you know that your brother is in love ..... my older sister?
14. 'The new secretary seems to be a very good typist, doesn't she?'  
'Well, I think it's ..... the contrary; she should learn to type faster.'
15. Who is responsible ..... this awful mess on my desk?

**IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.**

1. It's been reported that the chancellor is very satisfied with his visit to Japan.

**The chancellor** .....

2. Has anybody been hurt in the road collision?

**Has anybody come** .....?

3. I met Stanley by chance in the department store. (**across**)

.....

4. Although she seems to be very courteous, she can also be very impolite.

**Courteous** .....

5. He is going to step down because of the corruption allegations. (**account**)

.....

6. Julia isn't to blame for the negligence by any means.

**By no means** .....

7. What do they expect me to do now? (**supposed**)

.....

8. From time to time, we spend our weekends at the lake.

**We** ....., **again**.

9. Susan admits she didn't have a good time at the banquet at all.

..... **enjoy** ..... **least**.

10. I knew nothing about the rebellion that they were planning. (**dark**)

.....

**V. Choose the correct answer.**

1. To the best of my ..... that dentist's name was Thomas Garreth.

a) thinking      b) recollection      c) mind      d) remembrance

2. We realized our visit in their house was unwelcome by the ..... smile on the woman's face.

a) artificial      b) fictional      c) simulating      d) forged

3. Perhaps, the fresh scrap of evidence will throw some new ..... on the murder case in Wiltshire.

a) light      b) vision      c) flash      d) spark



4. Jimmy gave up his work in the hotel kitchen and became .....  
soldier in the army.  
a) an intentional      b) a deliberate      c) an optional      d) a voluntary
5. Paul's been in Alice's bad ..... ever since he offened her at the  
party.  
a) eyes      b) books      c) likes      d) treats
6. A military junta has taken over power in the country after the democratic  
administration .....  
a) collapsed      b) stumbled      c) vanished      d) abandoned
7. The new situation has ..... a lot of anger and dissatisfaction.  
Our duty now is to encounter it in the most sensible way.  
a) devised      b) established      c) originated      d) provoked
8. Mr Hopkins is going to have his old family mansion .....  
The building lost its glamour after his ancestors died several years ago.  
a) recovered      b) resumed      c) restored      d) revived
9. .... by her brilliant appearance, she must be very affluent.  
a) Considering      b) Seeing      c) Supposing      d) Judging
10. Why do you say the project should be changed even more? Personally, I cannot see  
the ..... of introducing so many alterations.  
a) point      b) reason      c) clue      d) ground
11. Feel free to come to us at all ..... if you need our advice.  
a) whiles      b) moments      c) hours      d) occasions
12. What did you tell them at the .....? Did you mention having  
already worked as a financial adviser?  
a) review      b) dialogue      c) speech      d) interview
13. Mr Turner's ..... coincided with the fiftieth anniversary of the  
company and therefore he was awarded a generous prize for his long-time service.  
a) withdrawal      b) retirement      c) expiry      d) termination
14. The officer who questioned us at the railway station was ..... by two  
other men in uniforms.  
a) allied      b) associated      c) cooperated      d) accompanied
15. Let me ..... my luck at cards. If I win, I promise to invite you to  
a posh restaurant.  
a) have      b) try      c) put      d) view

16. He had always boasted about being a good fighter, but when I .....  
him he simply got cold feet.  
a) challenged      b) struggled      c) ventured      d) appealed
17. It was dr Dalton who ..... us how to deal with this complicated  
example.  
a) noted      b) explained      c) interpreted      d) instructed
18. Richard has forgotten to buy tickets for the performance and ..... we'll  
have to spend this evening in front of the TV set.  
a) whereas      b) thereafter      c) whereupon      d) therefore
19. At one moment, the teacher got nervous seeing that whatever he said was  
..... on the students who weren't paying any attention to the lecture.  
a) missed      b) lost      c) failed      d) slipped
20. 'Can you see any ..... between these two occurrences?'  
'For sure, one thing that they have in common is the location they took place in.'  
a) relation      b) union      c) joint      d) contact

## TEST 14

### I. Replace each italicized word with a synonymous one.

The thrill of gambling has accompanied mankind throughout its whole complex history. The ancient people whose *perception* (1) of life was *determined* (2) by a belief in *mysterious* (3) phenomena considered their existence a game of chance governed by their gods' *good-will* (4). Therefore, the objects of gambling frequently became the items of a *spiritual* (5) offering which were supposed to influence the gods' decisions on the events to come. In the course of time, gambling turned into a highly favoured *pastime* (6) among *wealthy* (7) members of many societies and at present it is said to be one of the most rapidly developing branches of the entertainment industry.

It is practiced in its different forms in almost all the corners of the globe. Annually, millions of individuals *try* (8) their luck in casinos at bingo, roulette, dice or card games. Another *widespread* (9) habit of gambling takes the form of betting on the results of sports events like horse racing or football matches.

Unfortunately, on many occasions practice of gambling turns into an addictive habit. *Habitual* (10) players find it an irresistible *temptation* (11) to place a bet so as to provide themselves with the desirable thrill. The alluring prospect of winning *vast* (12) fortunes *drives* (13) the notorious gamblers to seek for excitement often at the cost of a disrupted family life and damaged psyche. Those who escape into the *imaginary* (14) world of gambling successes experience the illusory feeling of being independent, *unbeatable* (15) and always within the reach of a stroke of good luck.

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|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. a) discernment      | b) eyesight        | c) sensation    | d) glimpse      |
| 2. a) implied          | b) referred        | c) pertained    | d) influenced   |
| 3. a) unanswerable     | b) unresolved      | c) inexplicable | d) dubious      |
| 4. a) fancy            | b) benevolence     | c) affection    | d) charity      |
| 5. a) extraterrestrial | b) secular         | c) divine       | d) supernatural |
| 6. a) diversion        | b) distortion      | c) derailment   | d) disruption   |
| 7. a) prolific         | b) bountiful       | c) efficacious  | d) affluent     |
| 8. a) make do with     | b) take a turn for | c) pull rank on | d) have a go at |
| 9. a) plentiful        | b) luxuriant       | c) prominent    | d) prevalent    |
| 10. a) compulsive      | b) assured         | c) ceaseless    | d) compelling   |

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|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 11. a) captivity  | b) eagerness  | c) enticement | d) seduction  |
| 12. a) imminent   | b) immense    | c) immaculate | d) immediate  |
| 13. a) proceeds   | b) manages    | c) conducts   | d) impels     |
| 14. a) fictitious | b) visionary  | c) incredible | d) unfeasible |
| 15. a) foolproof  | b) invincible | c) die-hard   | d) intrepid   |

## II. Put the words in the correct form.

- We have already distributed a couple of these samples, but most of our products are still being kept in ..... (STORE) .
- The inventor's design has turned out to be a great ..... (COMMERCE) success.
- 'Did she say fifty pounds?' 'No, I thought she said twenty pounds.'  
'Now then, I guess there must have been some ..... (UNDERSTAND).'
- 'Do you often spend so much money on gambling?'  
'Oh no, I only gamble ..... (OCCASION).'
- Helen is a bit jealous of her sister's greater ..... (ATTRACT) with the boys. Anyway, she tends to say too many nasty jokes about Mary's boyfriends.
- Shall I believe this ..... (CONVINCE) story of yours? Mark, stop acting like a child and tell me the whole truth, please.
- At least four people were killed in the ..... (DREAD) accident on the motorway this morning.
- The Bulgarian sportsman was immediately ..... (QUALIFY) after the traces of steroids were discovered in his blood samples.
- Will it be necessary for you to make any ..... (CORRECT) in this version of your dissertation?
- The brave policemen from the anti-terrorist squad were honoured by the secretary of state for their effective action of ..... (ARM) a group of dangerous hijackers.
- 'Who is in ..... (AUTHOR) of the fire department?' 'I think Mr Dodson supervises it.'
- Let's pay our debt of ..... (GRATEFUL) to Sara for looking after our children by asking her to spend this Easter with us.
- Everybody has been astonished by the goalkeeper's unexpected ..... (DRAW) from the Olympic team. It's interesting who is going to take his place now.

14. Very soon their noisy parties became ..... (TOLERATE) to the neighbours who asked the police to intervene.
15. The village residents remained ..... (SPEAK) with terror when the earth shook.

III. Add the suitable verbs to make the correct phrasal verbs.

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boil	break	brush	cover	cut
dry	ease	freshen	give	know
let	look	rule	think	walk

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1. We were ..... **down** by the actors who had promised to support our action, but didn't appear at the charity event.
2. The twin brothers are so much alike. It's interesting how their parents can ..... **them apart**.
3. 'How many metres of this cloth do I need to ..... **up into two skirts**?'  
'Two metres should be enough, madam.'
4. It's been pouring heavily since early morning and it doesn't look like the rain is going to ..... **off** soon.
5. The drinking water supplies had ..... **up** quickly and the castaways were forced to penetrate the desert island thoroughly in search of fresh resources.
6. Alfred is said to be an enormously generous person. He often ..... **of** his savings for help towards the homeless.
7. The conflict in the production department ..... **down** to the employees' dissatisfaction with their wages. There's nothing more to it.
8. Firstly, you should ..... **through** the possible consequences of your actions before taking any rash decisions.
9. Sandra's been offered a job of an interpreter in Madrid. But, I guess she will have to ..... **up on** her Spanish before she is fully accepted.
10. 'What does *die Vorstellung* mean?' 'I don't know. .... it **up** in your German dictionary.'
11. I'm feeling awfully tired, so I'd better go and ..... myself **up** with a good bath.

12. Further obstacles cannot be definitely ..... **out**, but it's our obligation to carry on with the investigation until it's complete.
13. There are rumours that the ministers have tried to ..... **up** the news of the recent affair so as not to lose face with the public.
14. 'How old were you when the war ..... **out**?' 'I was in my teens then.'
15. 'What's wrong with Mr Downey?' 'Oh, he's been down in the dumps since his wife ..... **out on** him last month.'

**IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.**

1. Jane was the first girl who joined our association. (**to**)  
**Jane** .....
2. I think going to see the match is preferable to staying at home in the afternoon.  
**Rather than** .....
3. If you don't learn to operate the computer you won't get the job. (**or else**)  
 .....
4. Have they got anything against our sleeping in their tent? (**mind**)  
 .....?
5. Judging by their behaviour, they are a married couple. (**as if**)  
**They** .....
6. I was going to tell you I'd be busy on Monday, but I forgot to do it. (**meant**)  
 .....
7. It doesn't matter whether you are an experienced climber or not, mountaineering can still be dangerous.  
**However** .....
8. Several runners have withdrawn from the race because of health problems. (**backed**)  
 .....
9. Who is going to dismantle this engine?  
 ..... **pieces**?
10. Despite numerous mistakes in the procedures, the trial is still being continued.  
 ..... **progress**.

v. Fill the gaps with the correct words.

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advice	date	days	demand	feather
hands	headway	heart	heels	joke
reason	tooth	top	way	will

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1. The teacher didn't have to persuade his pupils to tidy the classroom up after lessons, they did it of their own free .....
2. We ought to tell the director to stop giving our secret formulas away in public. If he keeps playing into the other manufacturers' ..... we'll never be able to make any big profits.
3. Arthur has fallen head over ..... in love with Muriel. He does nothing but speak about her all day round.
4. The Italian composer has been in great ..... ever since he won the prestigious award in New York.
5. Dental problems like caries most often affect children who tend to have a sweet ..... and consume large quantities of confectionery.
6. The villa has been searched from ..... to bottom, but there has been no sign of forged money being produced in the place.
7. Had he not had that sudden change of ..... about going to Aspen, we would certainly be enjoying skiing in the spa now.
8. This inn looks rather shabby, but I'm sure it saw better ..... once.
9. We have already tried all the possible methods to solve that puzzle, but we aren't making any ..... . Could you drop a hint, please?
10. Doesn't this jacket look a bit out of .....? Why not put on something more fashionable?
11. Adam tried to be amusing and told a story which was supposed to make us laugh. To his disappointment, none of us could take the .....
12. You can easily carry that bigger box, it's as light as a .....
13. I wish we had followed the lorry driver's ..... to go through Reading, then we wouldn't have strayed from the main route.
14. How long have you been sitting in the reading-room? Isn't it about time you were making your ..... home?
15. The price he has put for his car is beyond all ..... . It's silly to think anyone will ever pay a thousand pounds for such a dilapidated vehicle.

## TEST 15

### I. Choose the words that best complete the sentences in the text.

Is hypnosis a mystification or an ideal way of ..... (1) many diseases? The fact that a hypnotized individual will ..... (2) the hypnotist's commands to perform even the most illogical actions has always excited both the psychologists and their clients ..... (3) for getting rid ..... (4) different ailments, be it mental or physical, by means of responding to persuasive suggestions while in the altered state of consciousness.

This trance may usually be ..... (5) by repeating monotonous commands thus introducing an individual into a subconscious sphere of his personality, which in the state of full wakefulness may be suppressed or concealed. A hypnotized person appears to be more ..... (6) to imposed orders and more motivated to ..... (7) his deep-rooted anxieties and worries. Controversial though this approach may seem to be, it does contribute to curing people of their emotional distresses in the ..... (8) of positive suggestions. Hypnosis can ..... (9) establishing a more profound contact with a patient's emotional life even ..... (10) the forgotten events from a remote past where the root cause of an affliction may ..... (11) from.

It doesn't necessarily ..... (12) at confronting the psychological problems only. Hypnosis can also be of great assistance in treating many addictions, ..... (13) various kinds of pains or even fighting skin diseases.

Without ..... (14), hypnosis is a most useful tool in the hands of physicians and faith healers even though the extraordinary phenomena that it ..... (15) cannot always be accounted for by any scientific or logical means.

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|--------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. a) recuperating | b) mending    | c) treating    | d) reconvalescung |
| 2. a) tackle       | b) concede    | c) operate     | d) follow         |
| 3. a) eager        | b) keen       | c) resolute    | d) intent         |
| 4. a) with         | b) of         | c) away        | d) for            |
| 5. a) conjured     | b) applied    | c) fixed       | d) evoked         |
| 6. a) answerable   | b) responsive | c) reactionary | d) perceptible    |
| 7. a) disclose     | b) depose     | c) delete      | d) disperse       |
| 8. a) use          | b) means      | c) way         | d) manner         |



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|------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 9. a) help       | b) implement | c) facilitate  | d) entitle      |
| 10. a) adjusting | b) reviving  | c) deploying   | d) invigorating |
| 11. a) originate | b) exist     | c) initiate    | d) conceive     |
| 12. a) opt       | b) pursue    | c) aim         | d) emphasize    |
| 13. a) depleting | b) shrinking | c) alleviating | d) declining    |
| 14. a) fail      | b) miss      | c) guess       | d) word         |
| 15. a) enacts    | b) provokes  | c) breeds      | d) induces      |

II. Replace each italicized verb or phrase with the correct form of a synonymous phrasal verb.

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ask out	blow up	break out of	bring round	call for
come off	drop out of	give in	go on	grow out of
leak out	make up for	put up	run down	sound out

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- This is a maximum security prison. Nobody has ever *escaped from* here.  
.....
- Stop wasting your time. The whole situation *requires* an immediate response that could bring more decisive effects.  
.....
- Telling bad things about* your workmates certainly doesn't influence the atmosphere in the office in any positive way, so I expect you to stop doing that from now on.  
.....
- Keep* pressing Eddie and he'll agree to your request, for sure.  
.....
- Hardly anyone would have thought that the boxing champion would *surrender* after the first round.  
.....
- How are they going to *compensate for* the time they wasted playing cards in the barracks?  
.....
- My daughter has been *invited* to a restaurant by the tall gentleman for the second time this week.  
.....

8. The construction is very light and the materials are pretty cheap. The agent claims the house can be *built* within three months.  
.....
9. I like this photograph so much that I'm going to have it *enlarged*.  
.....
10. As far as I know, the ideology of the party doesn't quite appeal to him and that's why he's thinking of *withdrawing from* its ranks.  
.....
11. The news about Sue's pregnancy *became known* quickly despite her efforts to keep it secret.  
.....
12. He is not a very outspoken person, so we may find it hard to *discover* his opinions.  
.....
13. I can't stop thinking there's something more that the scheme needs to *to be successful*.  
.....
14. Peter used to be fond of collecting mascots, but after his military service he *became mature enough to abandon* the hobby.  
.....
15. Don't think you can change his approach, he's too stubborn to be *convinced*.  
.....

**III. Replace each italicized phrase or adjective with a synonymous one.**

animate	coarse	exclusive	exemplary	fruitful
fundamental	grand	hereditary	intrepid	irritable
negligible	overwhelming	prolific	resolute	topical

1. Some mothers cried during the *solemn* ceremony of their sons being honoured by the President. ....
2. The enemy forces were too *powerful* to be defeated, so our troops were ordered to retreat to a safer position. ....
3. I advise you to be careful with Mrs Linton. She gets *easily annoyed* at times.  
.....
4. The details you are giving to me are *of secondary importance*, what I need is something really extraordinary. ....

5. Look at the mouse in the trap! I thought it was dead, but it's still **alive**.  
.....
6. There's no necessity to be anxious about Frank; he's too **determined** a candidate to ever withdraw from the election. ....
7. Mrs Stanford is an unusually **productive** author. She can write seven books a year most of which achieve a complimentary assessment from the critics. ....
8. Susan's approach towards school and learning is **the most suitable to follow**.  
.....
9. Now that the negotiations have turned out to be **successful**, the ratification of the truce is a matter of hours. ....
10. I'm sorry sir, but the conference facilities are **restricted** to the participants only.  
.....
11. The **basic** assignment for us now is to gather information about the ringleaders of the assault. ....
12. Is he the same Peter we met a year ago? Where did he learn to use this **vulgar** language? ....
13. Doctors and scientists have been trying to determine whether arthritis is **a disease that can be passed from parents to their offspring**. ....
14. This article on the political crisis in the Far East is very informative and **up-to-date**.  
.....
15. If you aren't a **brave** man, you won't make a good fire fighter. ....

**IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.**

1. The other day, I was fined for exceeding the speed limit. (**beyond**)  
.....
2. I am not responsible for your misfortunes.  
**Your**..... **fault**.
3. Someone suggested that we should stop manufacturing the low-price items.  
**There** .....
4. He would do almost anything to win the girl's hand. (**lengths**)  
.....
5. Who's going to supervise our section? (**in charge**)  
.....?

6. Although we respect Brian's expertise in archaeology, we're not going to employ him this time.

**Much** .....

7. My son attaches great importance to eating healthy food. (**makes much**)

.....

8. Alice couldn't remember the caller's identity.

..... **recall**.

9. Does your mother want a soft drink? (**care**)

.....?

10. Mickey is extremely busy, but he often finds time to look in and ask how I am.

**Despite** .....

#### V. Choose the correct answer.

1. I don't like Anthony, he seems to take too much ..... in criticizing everyone.

- a) joy      b) fascination      c) pleasure      d) entertainment

2. My family has gone to Edinburgh to pay their last ..... to uncle Tony who died last Thursday.

- a) sympathy      b) respects      c) love      d) honours

3. It ..... us only a quarter of an hour to reach the residence from the bus stop.

- a) needed      b) lasted      c) required      d) took

4. If you're planning to leave the office earlier, ..... in mind to tell me about it in advance.

- a) bear      b) put      c) hold      d) carry

5. .... who wish to ask for the writer's signature stand in a line, please.

- a) These      b) They      c) Those      d) There

6. A few passengers were ..... after the liner overturned in a storm.

- a) plunged      b) drowned      c) watered      d) submerged

7. Hats like this may have been fashionable in the 60's, but now they are ..... the times.

- a) beneath      b) under      c) over      d) behind

8. Who else is of the ..... that we should break the camp?

- a) conclusion      b) opinion      c) remark      d) theory

9. The sergeant was furious because he hadn't been ..... of the manoeuvres.  
a) notified      b) announced      c) referred      d) communicated
10. The local press has been pouring ..... on the mayor for dissolving the council.  
a) blame      b) hatred      c) disapproval      d) scorn
11. I'm ..... too keen on visiting the Parkers again so soon.  
a) that      b) none      c) such      d) very
12. It's no wonder the children felt disappointed because first their parents promised to take them to Disneyland and then they ..... on their word.  
a) played down      b) drew out      c) came off      d) went back
13. The army suffered very heavy ..... , yet, their victory was imposing.  
a) losses      b) victims      c) wounds      d) harms
14. It's a chance of a lifetime for me to see Tokio, so I'll try to ..... the most of it.  
a) catch      b) do      c) fulfil      d) make
15. The Smiths have been ..... guilty of kidnapping their neighbour's child and have been sentenced to ten years in prison.  
a) confessed      b) affirmed      c) found      d) established
16. They are as like as two peas. It's amazing how their parents can ..... them apart.  
a) tell      b) mean      c) distinguish      d) see
17. Do you think this kind of meat ..... itself to stewing?  
a) allows      b) gives      c) offers      d) lends
18. It was Martin who ..... the initiative in introducing our guests to the princess.  
a) adopted      b) took      c) led      d) pursued
19. Martha has been hard ..... to it to organize a fancy dress party for the younger children.  
a) forced      b) ordered      c) put      d) made
20. Only one person who can provide the best solution to the question will be promoted and ..... a financial grant.  
a) served      b) equipped      c) entitled      d) awarded

**I. Write in the correct words.**

For thousands of years, stone, wood and animal skin had been the basic materials used by ancient civilisations for house building, ship construction or producing elementary tools. However, the first synthetic products which **p** \_ \_ \_ \_ **d** (1) in the 19th century were **f** \_ \_ \_ \_ **d** (2) from cellulose and quickly gained **r** \_ \_ \_ \_ (3) replacing their heavy, less durable and antiquated counterparts. The commercial success of celluloids has become even more conspicuous in the twentieth century as dozens of new **p** \_ \_ \_ \_ **s** (4) for plastic goods have been invented.

Nowadays, life without celluloid dishes, synthetic furniture and garments as well as other manifold polymeric products would be **un** \_ \_ \_ \_ **n** \_ \_ \_ \_ (5).

What makes them so favoured and common a merchandise are their exceptional **t** \_ \_ \_ \_ **s** (6). Besides being **s** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (7) to mechanical damage, they have outstanding thermal and electrical insulation properties and certain kinds of synthetic products **d** \_ \_ \_ \_ (8) the process of fast biodegradation, which makes them environment - **y** (9). In addition, the cost of the production of plastic is relatively low. Hence, the polymeric **t** \_ \_ \_ \_ **s** (10) are being churned out for use of the packaging, motor, construction, aviation, medical and many other industries. Recycling as means of **e** \_ \_ \_ \_ **g** (11) with this massive plastic waste is easy and effective, too. Thus, one may safely assume that our **n** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (12) on synthetic materials will never end.

**II. Put the words in the correct form.**

1. Patricia's skill in playing the piano is quite ..... (COMPARE). No other child in this group can play the difficult pieces with similar mastery.
2. Have our arguments convinced you or do you need any more ..... (ASSURE)?
3. Mr Simpson's ..... (DEVOTE) to his fishing hobby is absolutely exceptional.
4. His trembling voice and the illogical story he produced prove that his ..... (SINCERE) leaves much to be desired.

5. I think Arnold is ..... (USE) his great musical talent by singing in a country band. He should have become an opera soloist.
6. The central heating system can easily be ..... (ACTIVE) by turning this green knob.
7. Due to my complete ..... (IGNORE) of the tribal customs I was wrongly considered an enemy rather than a friend.
8. The boy's account lacked ..... (ACCURATE) . For example, he didn't mention anything about such a relevant event as the Queen's presence.
9. You can't expect to keep healthy if your diet is ..... (DEFICIT) in fruit and vegetables.
10. That vacuum cleaner he showed us was too ..... (COST) and we decided to opt for a cheaper one.
11. What they told us had no ..... (FOUND) in reality. It was just an imaginary story they made up to deceive us.
12. I wonder if he is ever going to grow out of his ..... (CHILD) behaviour.
13. One more thing necessary for putting the bill into operation is the prime minister's ..... (SIGN).
14. Let's replace Ann with a more resolute person. I can't stand her being so ..... (HESITATE) about her every decision.
15. Gordon Ashley is going to stand trial for the daring bank ..... (ROB) he made in Southampton in 1993.

### III. Insert the correct prepositions.

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**AGAINST    AT    BY    FOR    FROM    IN    OF    ON    TO    UNDER**

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1. Please, take this money as a token of my great gratitude ..... saving my life.
2. The mechanic was most kind and repaired my carburettor ..... no time at all.
3. We don't need any extra supplies, we can do with those we have ..... store.
4. The court has sentenced the two men ..... exile for spying ..... the military bases in the country.

5. The farmers' hopes ..... any better weather faded away after they had heard the forecast for the weeks to come.
6. Their political opinions have always been ..... harmony with ours and therefore we have been getting on so well.
7. The Greenpeace movement is going to launch another campaign ..... whaling.
8. She is too weak ..... mathematics to ever pass the exam. She won't succeed even ..... her hundredth attempt.
9. Are you still ..... an illusion that Mr Spike will agree to your conditions?
10. He said he wouldn't be able to turn up ..... person, and so he would have to send his deputy to the conference.
11. We can safely trust Iris. She is ..... the know about everything that happens on the Stock Exchange.
12. Andrew is a draftsman ..... profession, but he works as a clerk at the post office.
13. You cannot expect absolute obedience ..... Tommy. He's still a teenager full of wild ideas.
14. The code says people under eighteen aren't eligible ..... membership in the party.
15. Bob, don't be cruel and stop mocking ..... the way Lucy pronounces French words.

**IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.**

1. It was a long time ago when horsecarts were replaced by motor vehicles. (**place**)  
.....
2. When the official part of the meeting ended, everyone rushed to the buffet. (**close**)  
.....
3. Patrick is not feeling healthy today. (**colour**)  
.....
4. Let's ask somebody to take a photo for us. (**have**)  
**Let's** .....
5. John was sorry to have made such a fuss at the party.  
**John regretted** .....



6. Nobody knows what caused the collapse of the building.

**It's** .....

7. You'll be in serious trouble unless you apologize to Mrs Dempsey.

**You'll get** .....

8. The American champion is very tough; he'll never give up. (**too**)

.....

9. If you scream again, I'll make you leave the room.

**Scream** .....

10. We hadn't been told about the removal until last Friday.

**It was not** .....

**V. Fill the gaps with the correct words.**

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arms	course	drain	face	granted
hang	liking	means	mercy	plenty
random	saying	shadow	shop	vicinity

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1. Women don't like to be taken for ..... by their husbands no matter how busy the men are.

2. I think it goes without ..... that you must love animals if you hope to make a good veterinary surgeon.

3. Ever since Paula started earning her own money, she's called herself a woman of independent .....

4. Unfortunately, we have been at the ..... of the weather. We can't go on climbing until the heavy snowfall subsides.

5. The doctors didn't make any special selection. They chose a few patients at ..... for their experimental treatment.

6. It's much better for the children that we have bought a house in the ..... of their school. Now, they won't have to waste time waiting for their schoolbus.

7. Don't worry, everybody will get a free ticket for the concert. They are in ..... in our studio.

8. The defence minister lost ..... with the public after his controversial past was revealed.

9. My sister won't go out after dark. She is so timid that she's afraid of her own  
.....
10. It's pointless to declare war on a country which has many thousands of skilled  
soldiers under .....
11. Tommy, stop being so impatient. You'll be allowed to drive your own car in due  
.....
12. We all laughed like a ..... when Simon told us about his adventures in  
the amusement park.
13. I'm curious whether the desserts that the chief has prepared will be to our guests'  
.....
14. There's only one fault in my husband's character. He is so overcome with his job that  
he keeps talking ..... even on Sundays.
15. Ronald has been trying to learn to operate the conveyor belt, but he hasn't got the  
..... of it yet.

# TEST 17

## I. Choose the words that best complete the sentences in the text.

Public opinion polls show that crime is ..... (1) as one of the most serious problems of many societies. Yet, ..... (2) studies have revealed that the ..... (3) of violent crime is ..... (4). Our peculiar awareness and fear is largely brought about by the great attention it is ..... (5) in the mass media and also because of violent crime being a popular theme for television series and films.

Among all crimes, murder makes the ..... (6) and there is little doubt that homicides still continue to be a ..... (7) question in a number of countries. The various causes of severe crime are being constantly ..... (8) and innumerable reasons for it are being pointed out. Among these are unemployment, drug ..... (9), inadequate police enforcement, ineffective courts, racial discrimination, television and the general ..... (10) in social values.

An acknowledged fact is that it is mainly poverty that ..... (11) crime. Individuals incapable of ..... (12) for themselves and their families the rudimentary means of living unavoidably take ..... (13) stealing, burglary or ..... (14) other offences. We may try to explain crime on different ..... (15) - cultural, economic, psychological or political, but criminologists are still far from detecting the exact source of violent offences as the direct link between these particular factors isn't possible to specify.

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|------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. a) viewed     | b) believed      | c) alleged      | d) thought     |
| 2. a) pervading  | b) infiltrating  | c) examining    | d) penetrating |
| 3. a) quantity   | b) deal          | c) amount       | d) figure      |
| 4. a) outspoken  | b) overestimated | c) presupposed  | d) upgraded    |
| 5. a) granted    | b) awarded       | c) devoted      | d) entrusted   |
| 6. a) headlines  | b) titles        | c) captions     | d) broadcast   |
| 7. a) burdening  | b) obstructing   | c) nagging      | d) contending  |
| 8. a) debated    | b) conversed     | c) uttered      | d) articulated |
| 9. a) escalation | b) abuse         | c) maltreatment | d) disuse      |
| 10. a) flop      | b) impediment    | c) shortfall    | d) decline     |
| 11. a) rears     | b) nurtures      | c) breeds       | d) urges       |

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|-------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| 12. a) insuring   | b) affording  | c) securing   | d) accommodating |
| 13. a) on         | b) to         | c) for        | d) with          |
| 14. a) committing | b) performing | c) fulfilling | d) conducting    |
| 15. a) motives    | b) arguments  | c) reasons    | d) grounds       |

**II. Put the words in the correct form.**

- The ..... (BREAK) of an epidemic will be unavoidable unless measures are taken to prevent the rural population from drinking the contaminated water.
- We won't be able to buy anything if we don't have any ..... (CONVERT) currency on us.
- The prize he has won is simply ..... (IMAGINE). I can't think what he's going to do with such a lot of money.
- Danny is just an ..... (ACQUAINT) of my father. We don't know him very well.
- This destructive criticism has ..... (MINE) Paul's confidence. It's improbable that he'll ever put forward his candidacy again.
- Most of the workers were in ..... (CONFUSE) as to whether to join in the strike or carry on with their normal duties.
- It was funny how Eddie didn't really know how to hide his ..... (EMBARRASS) at having to give Muriel another kiss.
- Our approach towards the proposal is rather ..... (CAUTION) because of several failures that we have experienced lately.
- It's astonishing he didn't tell us he was going to leave. His sudden ..... (APPEAR) is even more surprising when you consider he had a very important appointment last evening.
- Due to a huge pile-up, the motorway will remain ..... (PASS) until tomorrow.
- They seem to be quite ..... (CONCERN) and calm even though they have neither a map nor a compass.
- ..... (STRICT) speaking, your response is more than disappointing.
- Look at the sign! 'No ..... (VACANT)' again. This is the fifth hotel we have gone to in vain this evening.

14. Living on the ..... (SKIRT) of a big city may have its good points.  
Consider at least cleaner air and lesser traffic.
15. They do need a new apartment. The conditions they are living in now are simply  
..... (REGRET). Just imagine mice scampering on the floor.

III. Add the suitable verbs to make the correct phrasal verbs.

break	brighten	come	fill	give
hinge	lay	look	part	pick
play	set	settle	show	step

- He claims his role in the plot wasn't important, but I suppose he's trying to  
..... it **down** intentionally.
- How about ..... **in** more coal just in case this winter should last longer?
- You needn't ..... **off** all the time, Mark. We all know you are a shrewd  
figure.
- It took a short while until Muriel ..... **round** after she had fainted in the  
stuffy corridor.
- Your constant ..... **on** me is most unfair. Why should I always be the  
only one to blame?
- It was the bitter row that he had with the boss that made Mr Tanner .....  
**down** from his secretarial post and change his place of work.
- The Paris branch of the ABC Company was ..... **up** when it became  
clear that the French market for the celluloid merchandise could bring enormous  
profits.
- We'll try to ..... the door **down** if we can't open it without using force.
- Jenny loves the cat very much. She will never agree to ..... **with** it  
when we move out of the house.
- Why think about the past and recall bad events only? ..... **ahead**  
**into** the future with more optimism and your gloomy mood will be gone.
- The success of our action ..... **upon** Mike's ability to break the code.  
If he doesn't manage to do it this time, we'll lose the last hope.
- The waiter asked his customers to ..... their bill **down** at the counter  
after they had finished their lunch.

13. Before you go and join the others in the computer room, you must first ..... **in** the membership form and make a payment.
14. When I saw her in the hall she looked so depressed. She only ..... **up** when I had told her the comforting news.
15. It didn't pose a big problem to me to find out she was an Italian. It was her peculiar accent that ..... **her away**.

**IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.**

1. You'll certainly encounter a lot of difficulties if you opt for a lone expedition. (**bound**)  
.....
2. It is feared this mammal species will be extinct by the year of 2020.  
**This mammal species is** .....
3. Albert is a poor card-player.  
..... **well**.
4. David really confides in Mr Palmer's greater experience. (**confident**)  
.....
5. We aren't willing to support the strike; we don't approve of it.  
**Far from** .....
6. Sue has benefited from the sunny weather by getting nicely suntanned. (**advantage**)  
.....
7. Susan did everything she could to make us both reconcile. (**utmost**)  
.....
8. We aren't responsible for the assembly line in Bristol any longer.  
**No longer** ..... **control**.
9. These dangerous lizards live only in the tropical regions. (**peculiar**)  
.....
10. Malcolm had to stay in prison until the trial came to a definite end.  
**Only after** .....

**v. Choose the correct answer.**

1. Ann's encouraging words gave me ..... to undertake the demanding task once again.  
a) a point      b) an incentive      c) a resolution      d) a target
2. You should at least ..... an effort to find the boy's address if you don't want to lose your last hope.  
a) do      b) work      c) put      d) make
3. We are going to build a fence around the field with ..... to breeding sheep and cattle.  
a) a goal      b) an outlook      c) a reason      d) a view
4. Once ..... a time there was a king so selfish and mean that no princess would agree to become his wife.  
a) of      b) at      c) upon      d) within
5. The open-air party had to be ..... because of a heavy rainfall.  
a) postponed      b) detained      c) refused      d) extinguished
6. You may feel sure the casting will be done perfectly, just ..... your trust in me and you will see I'm right.  
a) lay      b) forward      c) grant      d) allow
7. It's too hard to determine whether the disease has already begun to ..... or not.  
a) enlarge      b) circulate      c) spread      d) transmit
8. By next year, my son will have ..... his education at Cambridge University.  
a) realized      b) completed      c) graduated      d) terminated
9. The van driver said he couldn't ..... us a lift home as there were no free seats in his vehicle.  
a) make      b) give      c) drive      d) take
10. If it hadn't been for the hint that the professor ....., nobody would have found out the correct answer.  
a) dropped      b) cast      c) threw      d) flung
11. Why don't they ..... their attention on scrutinizing the evidence instead of questioning the passers-by?  
a) attract      b) devote      c) focus      d) draw

12. The Wilsons have found it terribly hard to make ..... meet ever since they both lost their jobs.  
a) ends      b) strings      c) coins      d) limits
13. At first, Mark thought it would be great to build his own ranch, but he was forced to ..... the idea when the bank refused to give him a loan.  
a) depart      b) leave      c) cease      d) abandon
14. Don't ..... to phone Mrs Whitman, I've already talked to her.  
a) concern      b) bother      c) mind      d) worry
15. The neighbours said they hadn't got a ..... who could have broken into our garage.  
a) clue      b) view      c) point      d) hint
16. Just change your approach towards the assignment. The way you are dealing with it now will certainly ..... you nowhere.  
a) pass      b) put      c) get      d) reach
17. The ..... boards in the staircase would always wake us up whenever somebody climbed up at night.  
a) screeching      b) cracking      c) roaring      d) creaking
18. We have to ..... the hard times hoping that things will change for the better in the future.  
a) maintain      b) endure      c) persist      d) outlive
19. His parents have always wanted Phillip to set a good ..... to his younger brothers both at school and at home.  
a) form      b) model      c) pattern      d) guidance
20. The international conference of the Cardiological Association has been ..... in Cairo to discuss the revolutionary discovery of doctor Gonzales from Mexico.  
a) deployed      b) collected      c) mobilized      d) summoned



## TEST 18

### I. Replace each italicized word with a synonymous one.

Vocational education has always been closely *related* (1) to the character of a society, the importance it attaches to work and the social values *respected* (2) by the members of its community. Its *primary* (3) goal is to teach the skills and a practical *competence* (4) requisite for different types of employment.

In the past, professions were inherited by descendants of families from the older generations. The mastery accomplished by *forefathers* (5) and passed on to their *successors* (6) in vocations like carpentry or weaving was incomparable to the relatively poor level of craftsmanship in the era of massive industrialization. In the 19th century *traditional* (7) skills achieved after many years of *rigorous* (8) apprenticeship were *abandoned* (9) giving way to the factory system where experience-building training was *applied* (10) directly on the job. Consequently, the number of *craftsmen* (11) performing high-skilled manual work began to *decrease* (12) as they were gradually replaced by machinery and, finally, by perfectly *precise* (13) computers.

This rapid computerization, however, has created a wide gap between those whose knowledge of modern technologies is *profound* (14) and those who still lag behind. Given that computers and their various uses are much more complicated than anvils or chisels, it definitely takes an equally intensive and elaborate training to educate good and *productive* (15) workers nowadays.

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|----------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. a) accustomed     | b) linked      | c) composed     | d) intervowen   |
| 2. a) adored         | b) escalated   | c) rejoiced     | d) esteemed     |
| 3. a) rudimentary    | b) unique      | c) preliminary  | d) exclusive    |
| 4. a) flexibility    | b) proficiency | c) faculty      | d) supremacy    |
| 5. a) peers          | b) associates  | c) forebears    | d) kinsmen      |
| 6. a) intermediaries | b) pals        | c) predecessors | d) heirs        |
| 7. a) habitual       | b) ancestral   | c) familiar     | d) genealogical |
| 8. a) infinite       | b) exorbitant  | c) austere      | d) ferocious    |
| 9. a) repelled       | b) abstained   | c) mishandled   | d) renounced    |
| 10. a) administered  | b) injected    | c) engaged      | d) disposed     |
| 11. a) progenitors   | b) artisans    | c) merchants    | d) devotees     |
| 12. a) submerge      | b) fracture    | c) collapse     | d) dwindle      |

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|------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| 13. a) pivotal   | b) candid    | c) accurate   | d) valid       |
| 14. a) erudite   | b) customary | c) fortuitous | d) judicious   |
| 15. a) efficient | b) adequate  | c) laborious  | d) substantial |

**II. Put the words in the correct form.**

- The unexpected ..... (CANCEL) of the flight to Amsterdam has made the passengers feel uneasy.
- We were told to take the necessary ..... (CAUTION) against insect bites in the jungle.
- The boss is rather ..... (CONSIDER) to the workers' needs. He only seems to be interested in his own good.
- One of the tourists was so ..... (INSIST) on doing the sightseeing of the old town square that a complete change of the itinerary had to be made.
- ..... (REGARD) of the rough sea and the awful climatic conditions, the search for the missing crew member was continued.
- Unless we find a proper way of ..... (STRONG) the cast iron, no retailer will be interested in purchasing our products.
- I wouldn't say all the facts he mentioned were ..... (DISPUTE). For instance, it wasn't true that his parents had lived in Morocco.
- To be honest with you, it was a very boring party. Yet, I did like the delicious ..... (FRESH) that were being served by the hosts.
- No other ..... (RESIDE) area in the county can be proud of such a good fiscal policy of its administrators.
- Next week, the Sunday mass will be held to ..... (MEMORY) the victims of the holocaust.
- Having to pay the monthly ..... (CONTRIBUTE) of £25 was what the club members used to complain about the most.
- I remember uncle Dave as an unusually merry person. His supply of jokes and funny stories always seemed ..... (EXHAUST). He could tell them all day and night without stopping.
- Mr Thomas is very ..... (KNOW) about food processing. He can really tell you a lot about it.

14. I think her ..... (APT) for foreseeing the future has been ignored for too long. Think about the misfortunes that could have been averted if someone had taken notice of her predictions.
15. Why did you tell so many untrue stories about Janet? It was most ..... (THINK) of you to have done it.

**III. Insert the correct prepositions.**

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**AT    FOR    FROM    IN    OF    ON    TO    WITH**

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1. I find it hard not to surrender ..... the temptation of having a chocolate icecream whenever I spend my time in the cafe.
2. After a three month training period Celia gave up the nursing course ..... the grounds of having no vocation ..... this kind of work.
3. Our position is ..... considerable hazard. I'm afraid this may lead to a panic among the crew members.
4. He shouldn't be invited by anyone if he cannot behave properly ..... company.
5. Who was the chairman's criticism directed .....? Was it Nick or the other guy?
6. .... reference to the waste disposal, I'd like to suggest a less troublesome solution.
7. The bank owner has been ..... conflict with the accountants since he decided to lower their salaries.
8. I'd rather we didn't start at 5 a.m. Honestly speaking, I'm not usually ..... my best early in the morning.
9. Why is she so critical ..... my pronunciation? Doesn't she know I'm not a native speaker of German?
10. Rap music and techno are popular ..... teenagers mostly whereas the older youths tend to go ..... rock.
11. Doesn't this lovely place remind you ..... the one we spent our holiday in last year?
12. The plot in the book is rather simple. The poor parents dream about marrying their beautiful daughter ..... a rich sheikh.

13. Mark usually suffers ..... seasickness whenever he travels by ship or ferry.
14. This year is the third ..... succession that Susan has been appointed the bank manageress.
15. I don't smoke very often. I do it ..... occasion two or three times a month.

**IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.**

1. The patient's condition is gradually improving.  
..... **degrees.**
2. The organizers disregarded the former president's presence at the ceremony.  
**(notice)**  
.....
3. These two stamps aren't alike. **(difference)**  
.....
4. Perhaps, I will spend this night in a hotel. **(thinking)**  
.....
5. Betty didn't know Sony was Hanna's boyfriend. **(unaware)**  
.....
6. 'You did make a big headway.' - she said to the student.  
**The student was congratulated** .....
7. We'll have to do with one tent and a few biscuits instead of a luxury hotel and lavish meals. **(in place)**  
.....
8. I didn't discover there was a snake in the basket until I opened the lid.  
**Not until** .....
9. The results aren't satisfactory considering her long and rigorous training. **(account)**  
.....
10. Shannon doesn't think much of the book. **(low)**  
.....

**v. Fill the gaps with the correct words.**

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<b>appearances</b>	<b>basis</b>	<b>cakes</b>	<b>case</b>	<b>deadline</b>
<b>emphasis</b>	<b>fingers</b>	<b>hand</b>	<b>harm</b>	<b>history</b>
<b>length</b>	<b>manner</b>	<b>thread</b>	<b>words</b>	<b>world</b>

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1. It was Neil Armstrong who went down in ..... as the first man to have stepped on the surface of the moon.
2. There is much hope of our team winning the game, but we have to keep our ..... crossed.
3. You should buy the insurance just in ..... something wrong happens to you during the expedition.
4. These laser printers are brand new. They sell like hot .....
5. Fortunately, only a few of us came to any ..... when the bus collided with a tram.
6. I was moved to tears and my impressions were too powerful to put them into .....
7. We have been working to a strict ..... as the building contractor from Madrid wants this work to be finished by the 15th of December.
8. Spare us the details of your story, please. Most of us have lost the ..... of it anyway.
9. Judging by ....., one could say they live in perfect harmony, but the truth is they hate one another.
10. All ..... of picture postcards were on display and I had a hard time of choosing the most suitable ones.
11. You needn't examine the witness so thoroughly, you'd better place more ..... on the suspect's claims.
12. What's the point of discussing such a minor problem at such great .....?
13. Safari huntings give an occasion to experience both the beauty and the cruelty of the African wildlife at first .....
14. If I am to form an opinion about your writing skills on the ..... of this short story I must say you'll have to learn more before you make a good writer.
15. Parents may sometimes get a little angry at their children, but on most occasions they think the ..... of their offspring.

## TEST 19

### I. Choose the words that best complete the sentences in the text.

The elementary means of communicating with other people is ..... (1) messages by voice. This fact is widely ..... (2) and we recognize the voice as a ..... (3) characterizing the identity of a person. The array of voices is immeasurable as no two are exactly similar. They can be nasal, resonant or shrill produced in ..... (4) with the individual physical ..... (5) of the throat.

One possible ..... (6) of the art of voice recognition is voice profiling used by police analysts as a method of ..... (7) court evidence in trials. Every year thousands of audiotapes with recorded interviews or casual utterances are ..... (8) to the purpose to help identify the probable culprit. Specialists dealing with the voice investigation claim that people can ..... (9) themselves away by their accents, inflections or other voice attributes like pitch, intensity and loudness. A recorded sample is usually ..... (10) into electric impulses and later transformed into a pictorial recording which is processed by a computer program. Very frequently voice analysts have a ..... (11) at deciphering the relevant information which may be ..... (12) with background noise or other interfering sounds until they ..... (13) the desired results.

Thankfully, these efforts help the police detect individuals who threaten their victims by phone or inform about bomb ..... (14) or those who make offensive calls ..... (15) the peace of decent citizens.

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|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. a) commuting      | b) discharging  | c) informing      | d) conveying    |
| 2. a) reassured      | b) acknowledged | c) declared       | d) reckoned     |
| 3. a) feature        | b) matter       | c) token          | d) label        |
| 4. a) consent        | b) accordance   | c) dependence     | d) support      |
| 5. a) tendencies     | b) credentials  | c) assets         | d) properties   |
| 6. a) operation      | b) handling     | c) implementation | d) treatment    |
| 7. a) substantiating | b) facilitating | c) pledging       | d) withstanding |
| 8. a) used           | b) put          | c) employed       | d) set          |
| 9. a) give           | b) turn         | c) prove          | d) tell         |
| 10. a) reformed      | b) exchanged    | c) adjusted       | d) converted    |

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|--------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 11. a) stake       | b) stag        | c) stack      | d) stab       |
| 12. a) infused     | b) mingled     | c) abused     | d) intruded   |
| 13. a) attain      | b) manoeuvre   | c) elaborate  | d) succeed    |
| 14. a) situating   | b) deploying   | c) planting   | d) settling   |
| 15. a) distracting | b) dismantling | c) dispersing | d) disturbing |

**II. Replace each italicized verb or phrase with the correct form of a synonymous phrasal verb.**

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bring about   come by   cut out for   draw back   get across  
 keep up   look into   order about   pick out   pull through  
 put down to   run into   set about   stand in for   take out

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1. Doctor Carter will be *replacing* doctor Smith in the maternity ward during September.  
 .....
2. You are supposed to *select* only those items which have at least two features in common.  
 .....
3. *Giving commands to* other people seems to run in his blood as he was a captain in the army for ten years.  
 .....
4. The heavy blow on the head left the Vietnamese fighter in a coma for two weeks. Happily, thanks to the best medical care he *recovered from it*.  
 .....
5. Try rubbing some citric acid into the cloth, that should *remove* the spots.  
 .....
6. I can't think of any sensible reason for which they should have *withdrawn* from the arrangements.  
 .....
7. Frank was not *suitable* for the job of a policeman because of his excitable character.  
 .....
8. Have the authorities finished *examining* the cause of the explosion yet!  
 .....
9. It's impossible to live on the low unemployment benefit I *receive* from the government.  
 .....

10. One of the horses wasn't strong enough to *maintain* the swift pace and dropped back after the third lap.  
.....
11. Everybody *attributed* Mr Spark's success to his extraordinary cleverness at persuading people to entrust their money with him.  
.....
12. I had no idea there were any photographs behind the chest. I *found them accidentally* when I was tidying the room up.  
.....
13. Many a change has been *caused* in the climate by the global warming.  
.....
14. What's the good of *starting with the work* so early! As far as I am concerned, we should begin next week.  
.....
15. It's unbelievable how the new lecturer can *explain* his ideas. Attending his classes is sheer fun.  
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III. Replace each *italicized* phrase or adjective with a **synonymous** one.

conceited	congenial	discreditable	elaborate	fragile
innocent	instantaneous	midget	senile	sole
substantial	vicious	wealthy	weird	zealous

1. The two prisoners knew that however *carefully prepared* their plan was they wouldn't manage to escape from the jail. ....
2. We received a *quick* response to our appeal for help from most of the charity organizations in the world. ....
3. I don't think I will ever forgive Danny his *cruel* treatment of my children.  
.....
4. There is a *very small* model of a battleship inside the bottle. ....
5. Not until I met him did I know he was so *passionate* an animal lover.  
.....
6. Behaviour of this kind is *bringing a lot of shame* to the Crown and should be accounted for as quickly as possible. ....



7. Adam Collins was notorious for making up **the most unusual** stories about his own life. By these means, he also succeeded in promoting himself to the top.  
.....
8. We approached the hut and saw a **very old** man shelling nuts into a wicker basket.  
.....
9. There's much to your advantage if you can rely on your **rich** parents taking care of you all the time. ....
10. Unlike the last time, professor Humpton was very **sympathetic** during yesterday's meeting. ....
11. Watch out! These flowers are **very delicate** and can be easily broken.  
.....
12. He is usually too **proud and pleased with himself** to ever take notice of any other people's successes. ....
13. Robert claims he is **not guilty** and that it was some other boy who stole the bicycle.  
.....
14. A **large** amount of expensive building materials have been donated by the private supporters for the construction of the health centre. ....
15. Was laziness the **only** reason for which you gave up painting the porch?  
.....

**IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.**

1. Shouldn't she be going home now?  
**Isn't it** .....?
2. Our grandfather cannot hear well because of his old age. (**hard**)  
.....
3. What does the abbreviation YMCA mean?  
..... **for?**
4. His mood began to improve as soon as he drank a glass of wine.  
**Scarcely** .....
5. Isn't there anyone to support my point of view? (**take**)  
**Isn't there** .....?

6. Pat let me copy her homework. Otherwise I would have been reprimanded.

**Hadn't** .....

7. Why did you worry so much? I told you I was safe with Carol.

**You needn't** .....

8. There are a lot of mushrooms in this thick pine forest. (**abounds**)

.....

9. Do you think they will let me have a look at the research findings? (**cast**)

.....?

10. This place has been unoccupied for fifty years.

**It's fifty years** .....

#### V. Choose the correct answer.

1. Almost one hundred people have died as a direct result of food ..... in the capital.

- a) lacking      b) famine      c) desire      d) shortage

2. It was Tony who ..... in asking for another glass of brandy and got drunk in the end.

- a) endured      b) kept      c) persisted      d) maintained

3. What is the verdict of the report! Has the cause of the catastrophe been ..... yet?

- a) specified      b) informed      c) accounted      d) judged

4. I don't need any medicine. I'm as right as .....

- a) clouds      b) a ray      c) rain      d) a haze

5. Betty says she cannot stand looking at the rat, ..... touching it.

- a) even so      b) let alone      c) what if      d) as far as

6. Anything he does is in ..... with the law and that's why I have suggested him for the post.

- a) compliance      b) obedience      c) commitment      d) responsibility

7. Why don't you put on a red tie as much ..... from the one you wore last time?

- a) other      b) various      c) apart      d) different

8. Beyond all ....., it was Alice who gave away our secrets.

- a) fail      b) conclusion      c) dispute      d) contradiction

9. According to the captain, his special units can take an immediate action against terrorists should such a need .....  
 a) arise      b) originate      c) evoke      d) experience
10. To his own great ....., professor Howard has discovered a new method of bulimia treatment.  
 a) reputation      b) name      c) fame      d) credit
11. We were ..... by the officers' decision to divert the whole traffic from the main route.  
 a) rambled      b) baffled      c) stumbled      d) shuffled
12. Something began to go ..... with the experiment when the two scientists were forced to retire.  
 a) wrong      b) stale      c) ill      d) faulty
13. The book says that the revolution was ..... off by the assassination of the state governor.  
 a) launched      b) cropped      c) triggered      d) prompted
14. I was awfully tired. However, I made up my mind to ..... myself to the tedious task once again.  
 a) involve      b) absorb      c) engross      d) apply
15. Seldom does she refuse to do her friends a good ....., but on that occasion she was too busy to pay attention to other people's problems.  
 a) assistance      b) turn      c) aid      d) backing
16. It was ..... from the new minister to introduce more changes in the foreign policy.  
 a) expected      b) hoped      c) believed      d) awaited
17. Before we set out on the excursion, we were ..... with sandwiches and some hot tea in a thermos flask by the owners of the hostel.  
 a) distributed      b) provided      c) granted      d) assigned
18. Let's not buy anything from this man. I've lost my ..... in him since he mentioned something about an illegal passport.  
 a) certainty      b) assurance      c) confidence      d) respect
19. Only those who have scored more than a hundred points will be ..... a prize.  
 a) attributed      b) supplied      c) devised      d) awarded
20. The hijackers have demanded a ..... to be paid for releasing the civilian hostages from the plane.  
 a) currency      b) revenue      c) deposit      d) ransom

## TEST 20

### I. Choose the words that best complete the sentences in the text.

A worrying question which ..... (1) global attention is severe overpopulation and its drastic effects in the countries of the Third World. In regions where the birth ..... (2) is extremely high, poverty and starvation are ..... (3). In India, there is ..... (4) of thirty five infants being born every minute, yet the most shocking ..... (5) are those which ..... (6) the enormous number of the victims of famine in certain African territories. Communities afflicted with acute destitution are additionally ..... (7) with illiteracy, life in appalling conditions and infectious diseases ..... (8) the ..... (9) populations. There is an urgent need for these problems to be solved or ..... (10) they might continue bringing about innumerable worries upon the affluent societies around the world. Unless measures are taken to ..... (11) the suffering of the impoverished underdeveloped nations, desperate crowds of immigrants will ..... (12) in flooding the richer states in ..... (13) of a brighter future. It's the most ..... (14) task for the international giants nowadays to help the poor populations get out of the poverty ..... (15).

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|------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. a) insists    | b) wishes      | c) requires    | d) asks           |
| 2. a) amount     | b) quota       | c) number      | d) rate           |
| 3. a) profuse    | b) rife        | c) generous    | d) predominant    |
| 4. a) a ratio    | b) a measure   | c) an average  | d) a proportion   |
| 5. a) figures    | b) digits      | c) scores      | d) totals         |
| 6. a) appear     | b) refer       | c) indicate    | d) comprise       |
| 7. a) conflicted | b) encountered | c) confronted  | d) inconvenienced |
| 8. a) decimating | b) enumerating | c) discounting | d) outnumbering   |
| 9. a) ingenious  | b) insidious   | c) indigenous  | d) ingenuous      |
| 10. a) that      | b) else        | c) so          | d) if             |
| 11. a) discard   | b) vanish      | c) evaporate   | d) ease           |
| 12. a) finger    | b) maintain    | c) persist     | d) remain         |

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|--------------------|----------------|------------|-------------|
| 13. a) search      | b) chase       | c) lookout | d) survey   |
| 14. a) confronting | b) challenging | c) rousing | d) plaguing |
| 15. a) lure        | b) pitfall     | c) snare   | d) trap     |

**II. Put the words in the correct form.**

- Mr Edwards developed his interest in playing the violin in his ..... (BOY) years.
- That bicycle lacks a few spokes in the wheels, but I think you can ignore such a minor ..... (SHORT) and buy it at the low cost offered.
- He is the third ..... (PASS) caught by the guards today intruding into the no-entry territory.
- Alfred's irrational reactions may result from the inadequate ..... (BRING) that he was given by his foster parents.
- Everything they did was illegal as they hadn't received any official ..... (AUTHOR) for excavating this land.
- There's no logical accounting for Malcolm's ..... (SELF) given that his brothers and sisters are really generous and considerate.
- Only one witness of the accident was ..... (RESPOND) to the detective's inquiry. The others refused to give any answers at all.
- You are not a ..... (TEEN) any longer, so you'd better start acting your age.
- Because of a sudden fall in temperature the ..... (RUN) were so frozen that all the morning flights had to be cancelled.
- The general's early ..... (ARRIVE) took us all by surprise as we knew he was notorious for always coming late.
- Don't take seriously anything Dorothy says, she's ..... (MERE) a child of eight.
- Our department won't operate in a proper way as long as there's a ..... (SCARCE) of well-trained engineers.
- Stanley is an ..... (INDUSTRY) character. He likes working hard both in the factory and in his private workshop.
- An ..... (ALLOW) of £100 has been granted to the poorer students for purchasing books and other necessary accessories.

15. The route we had chosen couldn't have been more ..... (PERIL).  
There were tropical forests and rivers with alligators all around us.

**III. Insert the correct prepositions.**

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**BY FOR FROM IN OF ON TO UNDER WITH**

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1. I thought paying ..... cheque was preferable ..... cash in some of the luxury hotels.
2. It's usually difficult to establish Patrick's whereabouts. He's constantly ..... the move.
3. After lunch, we all would sit in front of the television ..... expectation of our favourite TV series.
4. Stop smoking and give up fatty food just ..... the sake of your own health.
5. The director went mad ..... the couple who didn't come for the dress rehearsal on Friday.
6. Several representatives were opposed ..... the government's resolutions, which led to a bitter dispute in the Parliament.
7. The longer you boil the meat, the more tender it gets. I know that ..... my own experience.
8. 'Has the captain disembarked yet?' 'Oh no, he is still ..... board.'
9. These pocket-size computer games seem to be ..... favour with the children nowadays.
10. Mike's been ..... considerable pressure recently; his boss has obliged him to do all the accounts by the end of this week.
11. Any failure to comply ..... the regulations will result ..... an instant dismissal.
12. If you give him more money, he will certainly find it ..... use.
13. It hasn't been decided yet who is going to represent our country in the international competition. The whole matter is still ..... consideration.
14. The escaped hostage found it hard to get used to a normal life after having been deprived ..... freedom for so many years.
15. The police arrived immediately after the call and caught the burglar ..... the spot.

**IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.**

1. We didn't go sunbathing very often during our holidays in Italy.

**Rarely** .....

2. They haven't spoken to each other since they quarrelled in April. (**speaking terms**)

.....

3. Apart from a few minor mistakes, you did a good job on the whole.

**By and** .....

4. It is possible that he will pull through very soon. (**chance**)

**There** .....

5. Linda is still single.

..... **as yet.**

6. Was it necessary for you to spend so much time in the library?

**Did** .....?

7. Were Mike not so affluent a man, Ann wouldn't be dating him.

**But** .....

8. Why shouldn't she be given the benefit of the doubt?

**It's only natural** .....

9. I hope they won't get offended with my remarks.

..... **good part.**

10. We may come a bit late this evening. (**likely**)

.....

**V. Fill the gaps with the correct words.**

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brink	butterflies	cake	costs	delight
figure	making	neck	prey	question
record	rush	terms	thumbs	wrong

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1. I guess you are in the ..... Mr Klein isn't a secret agent, but a simple post office clerk.

2. George takes a real ..... in practicing snowboarding. He has won the national championship twice already.
3. You'll be risking your ..... if you swim down the river without any assistance.
4. Don't worry, I can repair the brakes within seconds, it's a piece of ..... for me.
5. Seldom does Brian panic before a performance, but yesterday he really got ..... in his stomach.
6. I'd advise you to start earlier to avoid driving in the ..... hour through the city centre.
7. Although we warned our grandmother not to believe peddlers, she has fallen ..... to their clever persuasion once again.
8. It's out of the ..... for father to let us launch the rocket in front of the house.
9. Roger seems to be all ..... to me since he cannot even hammer a nail.
10. She was so much in love with the boy that she decided to make him stay at all .....
11. The prototype of the robot is still in the ..... The designers promise to have it ready by next year.
12. The current report confirms that the white rhinoceros is on the ..... of extinction.
13. 'Don't you think Ann cut a fine ..... at the anniversary ball?' 'That's right, she did look gorgeous in her white dress.'
14. We didn't get any advantage points over the other teams at the start. In fact, we were all treated on equal .....
15. What I'm going to say now is off the ....., so don't quote me in your newspapers, please.



## TEST 21

### I. Write in the correct words.

Have you ever given any \_ \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ (1) to the concept of the protection of our natural resources and the significance it \_ e \_ \_ \_ (2) on our sound existence? It may have been recognized by only a few of us what consequences our wasteful life may \_ \_ \_ d (3) to unless we undertake some proper \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ s (4) to conserve our natural habitats and their key components - wildlife, vegetation, soil and water supplies.

This question requires still more publicity, for sure. Hardly ever do we \_ \_ \_ \_ z \_ (5) how much effluent gets d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ d (6) into water or how many tons of waste our populations can churn out daily. In our hectic life, we seldom think of the vast \_ r \_ \_ (7) of woodlands, including the rain forests, that get cleared every minute. We aren't usually \_ \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ (8) of the fact that the ozone \_ \_ y \_ \_ (9) is being depleted due to the greenhouse effect. How much do we know about the animal species being on the \_ \_ \_ g \_ (10) of extinction? Lastly, who is to \_ \_ \_ m \_ (11) for our abysmal ignorance?

One possible response is the incredible intensity of life that we are living almost all the time. Statistically, an average couple has more to acquire in the 20th century than their \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ s (12) did several decades ago - education, the financial means for securing the family with a flat or a house, a car, a stereo and other variety of rudimentary accessories that the civilized world has to offer and without which our earthly \_ x \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (13) seems unimaginable. Therefore, the answer is simple. It is ourselves that should face the \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ s (14) of devastating the natural environment that we \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (15) from, but for which we don't give much consideration in principle.

### II. Put the words in the correct form.

1. Mrs Ribbon is the best ..... (TYPE) in our office. She has typed for ten years now.

2. The diseased part of the small intestine has been ..... (PLACE) with a new artificial one and the hopes are that the patient will get better soon.
3. The soldier's ..... (HERO) deeds during the war were acclaimed by the Emperor himself.
4. We were within ..... (STRIKE) distance of reaching an agreement in the dispute and it was only a minor misunderstanding that put us back to square one again.
5. Pablo Picasso's pictures as well as many other ..... (PIECE) of European painters have been put on display in the National Gallery.
6. The fighter's nose was ..... (BLOOD) heavily after the strong punch he received from the Brazilian champion.
7. .... (CRUEL) to animals is a punishable offence in most civilized countries.
8. You aren't a club member, and so the rules aren't ..... (APPLY) to you.
9. The exhibition of the ancient artefacts that we saw in the art museum was ..... (IMPRESS).
10. It's important that the criminals who assaulted the mayor's wife should be brought to ..... (JUST) in the shortest possible time.
11. Nowhere in the whole ..... (NEIGHBOUR) will you see a better cared for lawn than Mr Grey's one.
12. The ..... (OMIT) of the editor's name in the article was considered a big faux pas.
13. I'm afraid one committee won't be enough to investigate all the ..... (GRIEF) of the dissatisfied clients.
14. It's clear now that Robin is simply ..... (ENVY) of all his brother's privileges.
15. Hadn't they been so ..... (RESIST) to accepting our apologies, we would have reached a compromise a long time ago.

III. Add the suitable verbs to make the correct phrasal verbs.

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catch	clear	figure	get	harp
leaf	let	size	split	take
turn	use	vouch	ward	wear

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1. We need your helping hand; otherwise we'll never ..... **out** how to start the engine.
2. I've made a promise to collect their children from the nursery school tomorrow and I can't ..... **out of** it now.
3. There's no doubt they have been trying to ..... us **up** judging by the huge number of questions they have asked so far.
4. Hardly anyone could ..... **in** what the Japanese speaker was talking about.
5. 'Are you reading the magazine?' 'Oh, no I'm just ..... **through** it.'
6. Detective McAlister was the only one capable of ..... **up** the mystery of the kidnapping in Wolverhampton.
7. Our grandfather can ..... **on** his war experiences all day round. Sometimes, we all get truly bored with it.
8. Get ready for the show, everybody. It's high time to ..... the fireworks **off** now.
9. There's no more ink in the cartridge. It's been ..... **up**.
10. Several drunken hooligans were ..... **away** from the stadium gates by the security officers.
11. At first, I felt a horrible pain in my throat, but now this unpleasant feeling is gradually ..... **off**.
12. 'Do you think Robert is a good candidate for the job?' 'Well, I have known the boy for many years and I can ..... **for** his great capacity for solving complex questions.'
13. 'What made Alice and Richard ..... **up** after so many years of a seemingly successful marriage?' 'Perhaps, it was a love affair one of them may have got involved in.'
14. Roger had no problems with ..... **up with** the other pupils even though he started school with a two month delay.

15. Ideally, you should take these tablets twice in a day to ..... **off** any further risk of catching a cold.

**IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.**

1. I advise you to stop smoking cigarettes. (**your shoes**)

.....

2. We didn't realize the girl was Polish until she started speaking with the other guests.

**Only when** .....

3. Nobody took any notice of George's foolish jokes. (**attention**)

.....

4. Andy is terribly bored with his new occupation.

**Andy finds** .....

5. Take into account all the possible hardships. (**provisions**)

.....

6. I couldn't do anything but suspend the driver's licence. (**no option**)

I .....

7. There is no point in asking her out. She never goes out to restaurants.

**It is useless** .....

8. The professor has been occupied with preparing the exam questions. (**busy**)

.....

9. One of my earrings is missing from the box.

**An earring** .....

10. Someone has proposed revising the case. (**that**)

It .....

**V. Choose the correct answer.**

1. I know you don't like Ernest very much, but still you have to ..... it to him that he is a conscientious worker.

- a) return      b) hand      c) award      d) admit

2. The secretary doesn't answer my phone as a ..... , but yesterday I was too busy to do it myself.  
a) normality      b) principle      c) regularity      d) rule
3. She was given the advantage over the other applicants because of her attractive .....  
a) look      b) vision      c) appearance      d) sight
4. They did have a ..... escape. Their car stopped right at the river bank.  
a) narrow      b) fine      c) near      d) slight
5. Our father's sudden illness has ..... doubt on our holiday trip to Egypt.  
a) dropped      b) borne      c) passed      d) cast
6. However strict ..... we took, we couldn't eliminate the risk of any further riots in the streets.  
a) controls      b) measures      c) discipline      d) regulations
7. I was ..... from taking another course in diving by my first unsuccessful attempt.  
a) declined      b) averted      c) resisted      d) discouraged
8. Has it ever ..... to you that there might be more to this matter than a few fake banknotes?  
a) occured      b) reasoned      c) imagined      d) considered
9. 'What's the ..... rate for this bungalow?' 'It's ten thousand dollars, sir.'  
a) running      b) making      c) setting      d) going
10. You needn't have made extra copies of the booklet. We have got plenty to ..... round.  
a) circulate      b) spread      c) go      d) suffice
11. Be careful with Tony, he can lose his ..... more quickly than you may expect him to.  
a) attitude      b) vigour      c) temper      d) personality
12. I can't do whatever I want because I am still financially ..... on my parents.  
a) determined      b) subject      c) reliant      d) dependable
13. 'Who took part in the celebration?' 'Mr Wallace, Mrs Simmons and Frank Cox, to ..... but a few.'  
a) name      b) say      c) call      d) state

14. A good manager should be ..... to his or her staff for exchange of opinions at any time.  
a) feasible      b) obtainable      c) accessible      d) possessive
15. I hope you won't take ..... if I say that your project needs more improvement to be accepted.  
a) hatred      b) nerve      c) offence      d) anger
16. He claims to be a professional stuntman, but his skills will have to be ..... to the test anyway.  
a) brought      b) taken      c) laid      d) put
17. Several people opted for a taxi on the ..... that no more buses would arrive that evening.  
a) belief      b) assumption      c) supposition      d) argument
18. An instant investigation was launched after a bag ..... firearms and a load of cocaine was discovered by the sniffer dogs.  
a) composing      b) involving      c) embracing      d) comprising
19. It's unlikely he will ever find out how to operate the conveyor belt, but let him at least have ..... at it.  
a) a move      b) a go      c) a trial      d) an effort
20. Mr Thurnton was obliged to pay damages to his neighbours in ..... for the devastations his pet dogs made in their gardens.  
a) compensation      b) reward      c) penalty      d) reparation

## TEST 22

### I. Replace each italicized word with a synonymous one.

The anxiety of many investigators has again been *aroused* (1) by reports of the *Abominable* (2) Snowman which was encountered somewhere in the Himalaya region by an expedition of mountaineers aspiring to reach the *peak* (3) of Mount Everest. This *cautious* (4) creature which is also known as the Yeti made the poor explorers' hair stand on end as it started to howl, grunt and whistle early at *daybreak* (5) while they were sleeping soundly in their tents. The petrified men jumped out of their sleeping bags just to see the monstrous creature *rushing towards* (6) the forest. They had no doubts that what they had seen was most *bizarre* (7) and unique. Their amazement grew even stronger when they examined the monster's gigantic footprints left in the snow.

Sir Michael Edmundson - a *distinguished* (8) expert on unexplained phenomena, who was first to analyse this *intriguing* (9) report, considers the occurrence an exceptional opportunity to *clear up* (10) the Yeti mystery once and for all. He has already *devised* (11) a scheme to try to *capture* (12) the Snowman in the place where it was spotted by use of a system of complicated traps. Not that he intends to do the apprehensive creature any harm or keep it in *captivity* (13) for his own good, but his *objective* (14) is to prove that disregarding the Yeti story as being a sheer *deception* (15) has been an unfortunate misjudgement accepted by too many for too long.

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|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 1. a) dozed off      | b) spurred on         | c) wiped out   | d) stirred up        |
| 2. a) loathsome      | b) ferocious          | c) exquisite   | d) timid             |
| 3. a) climax         | b) ultimate           | c) tip         | d) summit            |
| 4. a) ghastly        | b) wary               | c) meek        | d) congenial         |
| 5. a) dawn           | b) twilight           | c) dusk        | d) onset             |
| 6. a) having a go at | b) pulling ranks with | c) going on at | d) making a dash for |
| 7. a) queer          | b) ludicrous          | c) obscure     | d) erroneous         |
| 8. a) evident        | b) renowned           | c) creditable  | d) exemplary         |
| 9. a) exasperating   | b) surpassing         | c) riveting    | d) painstaking       |
| 10. a) unfold        | b) exploit            | c) ensure      | d) reshuffle         |
| 11. a) enhanced      | b) manipulated        | c) resolved    | d) contrived         |
| 12. a) behold        | b) abduct             | c) ensnare     | d) incur             |

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|---------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|
| 13. a) refuge | b) detention | c) solitude | d) locker |
| 14. a) focus  | b) scheme    | c) pivot    | d) goal   |
| 15. a) jinx   | b) crux      | c) hoax     | d) flux   |

## II. Put the words in the correct form.

- Thrips are tiny insects which are hardly ..... (VISION) to the naked eye.
- I wonder which party is going to put forward Mr Coxton's ..... (CANDIDATE) in the next election.
- Does the thick fur of the polar bear give it enough ..... (WARM) during the long frosty winter?
- It wasn't clear who of the neighbours showed so strong a determination as to ..... (NOTE) the police of the argument the Browns had at home.
- Some of you must have forgotten to ..... (CONNECT) the iron before leaving the house and therefore the fire broke out.
- Abraham Lincoln is a ..... (HISTORY) character.
- The local council officer has again denied giving any ..... (PERMIT) to the building company for occupying the land.
- It is feared that this dreadful accident in the chemical plant may have severe ..... (IMPLY) for the natural environment in this region.
- The boy's ..... (OBJECT) behaviour was the primary reason for which he was expelled from school.
- I insist Robert be replaced by a more gifted speaker. His poor pronunciation and his ..... (MONOTONY) voice drive everybody crazy.
- Only one sailor from the missing boat has been rescued so far. The fate of the other crew members remains ..... (KNOW).
- 'I guess you have spent a fortune on your holiday in Spain.' 'No, on the contrary, it was absolutely ..... (EXPENSE).'
- How could you have been so ..... (REAL) as to believe Ronald's childish stories about ghosts in the cellar?
- The huge collection of golden coins stolen from the museum last week was of ..... (PRICE) value.
- The discipline that you practice must be rather ..... (INJURY) seeing that you get heavily bruised time and again.



### III. Insert the correct prepositions.

**ABOUT    AT    BY    FOR    FROM    IN    OF    ON    WITH**

1. Remember, it's ..... your own interest to pay your debts back ..... the shortest possible time.
2. The solicitor meets with his clients only ..... appointment.
3. Despite his strong craving ..... a cigarette John managed to avoid smoking until he got out of the habit completely.
4. Everyone considered July incapable ..... amusing her guests longer than a few minutes, but it soon turned out the girl was really funny.
5. I can assure you I took a course ..... housekeeping and I can do the maintenance job ..... ease.
6. Is your car still ..... offer or has it been bought by anyone?
7. We were warned to refrain ..... feeding the wild animals in their cages.
8. He didn't know the subject well, but ..... best, he could answer a few questions correctly.
9. Cindy despairs ..... ever seeing her boyfriend again, but it doesn't seem to be very likely.
10. I'd rather you didn't order any fish for the second course. Haven't I told you about my dislike ..... any kind of seafood?
11. Thanks to John's inventive mind we could build a chalet and feel safe ..... the heat.
12. I got up at six, started my work half an hour later and stayed there until five p.m with no free time ..... between.
13. We could only try and guess who was ..... fault even though the facts indicated Jim's guilt.
14. I'm sorry to have crumpled your magazine. I didn't do it ..... purpose.
15. You cannot deny she is clever, but why must she always be so boastful ..... her achievements?

**IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.**

1. Maurice says he will never memorize the poem.

..... **heart.**

2. Has anyone had any good ideas? (**come up**)

.....?

3. Mr Green is always punctual. (**dead**)

.....

4. It's a shame you didn't keep your promise to Helen.

**You ought** .....

5. Remember that you are being constantly supervised.

**Bear** .....

6. The new deal has introduced many changes in the cooperation.

**Many a** .....

7. As soon as he received the message, he hurried to the hospital to see what had happened.

**No sooner** .....

8. I held my breath for a long while because I was afraid they might discover my presence. (**lest**)

.....

9. My salary hasn't risen since January.

**There** .....

10. As he grew more impatient, he became more unruly.

**The more** .....

v. Fill the gaps with the correct words.

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<b>breath</b>	<b>bundle</b>	<b>crack</b>	<b>cup of tea</b>	<b>debt</b>
<b>earth</b>	<b>headway</b>	<b>order</b>	<b>sack</b>	<b>shoulder</b>
<b>stroke</b>	<b>times</b>	<b>waste</b>	<b>weight</b>	<b>word</b>

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1. Throughout her life, Ms Pumpkin suffered from terrible loneliness. She didn't have a ..... to cry on.
2. After a while the friendly meeting was disrupted by a noisy group of youngsters whom even the police couldn't call to .....
3. Your instructions seem to carry little ..... with the pupils who ignore them all the time.
4. When the new director takes over, the workers notorious for neglecting their duties may be given the .....
5. It's a ..... of time trying to persuade Sylvia to accompany us this evening. She never goes to parties.
6. 'It took a long time until Mrs Johnson recovered from the shock after her husband's accident.' 'Indeed, she was just a ..... of nerves when the tragedy occurred.'
7. I don't think he's good enough to defeat the Russian fighter. His last victory was simply a ..... of good luck.
8. Brian will never let you down, he's a man of his ..... and he won't break his promise.
9. Don't bother to invite Raymond to the match. Football isn't his .....
10. Be sure not to run into any ..... as our bank account isn't too substantial.
11. She looks a bit behind the ..... in her long overcoat and a straw hat, doesn't she?
12. Danny's aggressive attitude towards his cousin took my ..... away for a while. Never before had I seen him act the way he did.
13. If your son doesn't make any ..... in the next semester, he'll be moved to a lower level group.
14. The plastic surgery must have cost the ....., but there's no denying she looks younger.
15. Getting up at the ..... of dawn doesn't appeal to me at all, so I think I'll give up watching the sunrise this time.

## TEST 23

### I. Choose the words that best complete the sentences in the text.

For many people doing physical exercise may ..... (1) a painful torturing of the body. Therefore, there's usually something we come up with that is ..... (2) bigger importance than putting one's muscles through their ..... (3). Unless we are forced to go in for a physical training, we are ..... (4) to treat it as something of a lower ..... (5) than staying in front of the TV set, spending time in a pub ..... (6) alcoholic beverages or consuming excessive quantities of fattening confectionery in a cafe. We need to be considerably motivated to ..... (7) up a body workout and build our physical fitness. What usually ..... (8) individuals from ..... (9) themselves to strenuous exercise is the fear of fatigue, discomfort or even the ..... (10) of being outdone by true fitness zealots.

However, getting fit is fully a ..... (11) of common sense. Different forms of exercise may be of great ..... (12) to the human body increasing its strength, flexibility and endurance. When supported by a nutritious diet, much better performance of the heart and the lungs improves the blood circulation making an individual more resistant to stressful situations as well as more ..... (13) to infections and diseases.

In the first place, self-discipline that is requisite for proceeding with such physical effort ought to be attained to ..... (14) that the intention of becoming healthier and more vigorous isn't ..... (15) by any trivial impediments.

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|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. a) incorporate | b) entail      | c) administer  | d) correspond  |
| 2. a) in          | b) with        | c) at          | d) of          |
| 3. a) paces       | b) efforts     | c) labours     | d) burdens     |
| 4. a) tended      | b) implied     | c) affirmed    | d) inclined    |
| 5. a) superiority | b) privilege   | c) advantage   | d) priority    |
| 6. a) smacking    | b) sipping     | c) seething    | d) sniffing    |
| 7. a) take        | b) put         | c) get         | d) make        |
| 8. a) rejects     | b) denies      | c) opposes     | d) repels      |
| 9. a) committing  | b) absorbing   | c) involving   | d) engrossing  |
| 10. a) hindrances | b) impairments | c) preventions | d) inhibitions |

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|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 11. a) point        | b) case         | c) matter       | d) reason     |
| 12. a) liking       | b) benefit      | c) appreciation | d) gain       |
| 13. a) irresistible | b) preventative | c) immune       | d) wary       |
| 14. a) ensure       | b) ascertain    | c) resolve      | d) certify    |
| 15. a) persecuted   | b) tormented    | c) harassed     | d) suppressed |

II. Replace each italicized verb or phrase with the correct form of a synonymous phrasal verb.

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call up	come round to	go off	go up	hand over
look back on	pull down	put away	put off	run away
run through	set out	take on	turn out	wear out

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- Mary isn't very wasteful with her income, she prefers to **save** some money for her studies in Oxford.  
.....
- At the age of seventeen Ronald was **summoned by the army** and stationed in Oklahoma.  
.....
- It seemed highly suspicious that none of the guards noticed the inmates **escaping** from their cells.  
.....
- We are hoping the campaign will **be successful** or else we'll lose our trading partners.  
.....
- I'm going to have those tables **arranged** in a horseshoe shape.  
.....
- Another twenty well trained engineers have been **employed** to accelerate the design work in the assembly department.  
.....
- It's no use **considering** the past only. You'll be better off if you start thinking about your future.  
.....
- Father says he's too **exhausted** after working the nightshift and he won't help us prepare the barbecue.  
.....

9. This is the area where most of the decrepit buildings have been *demolished* and the luxurious hotels have been erected.  
.....
10. Believe it or not, but the prices of the domestic cereal products have *risen* too much to be competitive with the imported ones.  
.....
11. Dan, would you be so kind as to *pass* these tickets to Christine?  
.....
12. Unbelievable though it may sound, almost two thousand people *came* to greet the pop star at the airport.  
.....
13. I only needed to mention the financial profits of the venture and everybody *changed their opinion about* it.  
.....
14. I'm sorry sir, but your appointment has been *postponed* till next week.  
.....
15. The whole business sounds too irrational to me to risk *wasting* all my life savings.  
.....

III. Replace each italicized phrase or adjective with a synonymous one.

apparent	consequent	erratic	fierce	hilarious
implausible	indifferent	inexhaustible	lenient	primary
repulsive	startling	thriving	unruly	vital

1. The *major* point of the debate that I watched on TV yesterday was how to cope with the illegal immigration. ....
2. Everybody was expecting the orders from the Headquarters and the *following* action which was to take place. ....
3. A few of the older campers were sent home after a week as they were *disobedient*.  
.....
4. He's rather *changeable* with his feelings and that's why we're afraid he won't marry too soon. ....
5. 'Do you consider his excuse credible?' 'If you want my opinion, it's totally *beyond belief*.' ....

6. 'How is your business, Jerry?' 'Oh, I can't say it's *prosperous*, but I can't complain about it, either.' .....
7. Isn't it *most surprising* the Monroes are getting divorced? .....
8. The treasure hunters kept digging the ground for hours as if their strength was *endless*. .....
9. Paul's *funny* jokes and stories turned the boring party into a success.  
.....
10. How can he expect to win the girl's favour if he can't get rid of his *disgusting* habits?  
.....
11. It's *very important* that the central processing unit be delivered by Monday.  
.....
12. Judging by the *wild* look in his eyes, he must be very irritated. ....
13. Unexpectedly, the sentence imposed on the traitor was *not severe*, which by some was viewed as a dangerous precedent. ....
14. I can't believe Jimmy was *unconcerned* when it came to appointing the editor-in-chief. ....
15. It's *more than clear* that Steven has become attracted to Cynthia by her charming smiles. ....

**IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.**

1. He has refused to keep guard at night. (**an objection**)  
.....
2. She failed to get in touch with her solicitor. (**manage**)  
.....
3. I think I'll leave a note on the desk in case he needs my address.  
**Should** .....
4. I'm sorry sir, but the 5.30 train is late.  
..... **schedule**.
5. The headmaster didn't praise any students except Jules.  
**Jules** .....
6. Have you decided whether to join our chess club or not? (**mind**)  
.....?

7. Angie suspects this man of stealing her watch.

**Angie has** .....

8. There hasn't been such a scandal in our school before.

**This is** .....

9. Isn't it high time you greased the hinges? (**need**)

.....?

10. I'm not certain, but there may be about twenty applications for the job.

**At a** .....

#### V. Choose the correct answer.

1. Why do you always ask me a favour when I have got my ..... full?

- a) palms      b) brains      c) hands      d) arms

2. I wouldn't go so far as to ..... my professional career on the unsafe enterprise.

- a) venture      b) stake      c) dare      d) expose

3. They said I'd be on ..... for the first two or three weeks as they want to find out about my skills.

- a) testing      b) examination      c) inspection      d) probation

4. We thanked the hosts for their generous ..... and got under way.

- a) hostility      b) honesty      c) hospitality      d) hostage

5. It was ..... to Mark that he'd better withdraw from the game in case his knee injury got worse.

- a) argued      b) recommended      c) insisted      d) appealed

6. Thousands of newcomers imagine this place to be their El Dorado where they can easily make a ..... start in life.

- a) plain      b) fresh      c) clean      d) first

7. The silly gossip ..... to a panic among the private entrepreneurs who began closing their accounts in the National Bank.

- a) led      b) prompted      c) resulted      d) aroused

8. The authorities probably want to be tough and won't ..... to the hijackers' absurd demands.

- a) abandon      b) resign      c) yield      d) collapse



9. The Stetsons' son must be ..... his family a lot of trouble and worry with his wild ideas.  
a) making      b) developing      c) providing      d) giving
10. Pasta in its various forms is the ..... diet in Italy.  
a) common      b) staple      c) usual      d) obvious
11. At first ....., you would say they were twins, but in reality, they didn't even know each other.  
a) sighting      b) look      c) glance      d) view
12. In the ..... of cold weather, remember to put on some warm clothes.  
a) possibility      b) fear      c) event      d) risk
13. If it hadn't been for Simon who ..... our attention to the mistake, the faulty project would have received our acceptance.  
a) drew      b) caught      c) paid      d) called
14. Mr Douglas, Arthur's grandfather, is notorious for his uncontrollable ..... in gambling in Las Vegas.  
a) attraction      b) indulgence      c) appreciation      d) temptation
15. This training is ..... at those who prefer a heavy body workout.  
a) aimed      b) offered      c) intended      d) focused
16. Let me please ..... my memory before I get down to answering the questions.  
a) resume      b) ease      c) awake      d) refresh
17. Of course, we don't need this dictionary at present, but in the long ..... it may prove useful.  
a) run      b) time      c) future      d) perspective
18. I was rather at a ..... in the beginning because I was the only person of different origin.  
a) displeasure      b) dislike      c) disadvantage      d) disinterest
19. Last time, we were within a hair's ..... of defeating the Auckland team. I'm sure we'll beat them in the approaching season.  
a) breadth      b) depth      c) length      d) width
20. There are languages hard to ....., but English is definitely out of this group.  
a) accomplish      b) master      c) educate      d) conceive

## TEST 24

### I. Choose the words that best complete the sentences in the text.

The problems of racial minorities ..... (1) the headlines occasionally when one group or another ..... (2) to ..... (3) their protests against the oppressive treatment of their authorities. The native Indians have been living within the ..... (4) of their reserves, the Australian Aborigines have a hard ..... (5) of integrating with the descendants of the European colonizers and the African Movement keeps ..... (6) its war against the concealed racial discrimination in America. There are also cultures and nations whose heritage and history has only remained alive ..... (7) chronicles and museums. Vast numbers of indigenous populations have been slaughtered by merciless invaders or persecuted by acquisitive colonizers, then, ..... (8) of their lands, rights and properties. Many of them have ..... (9) with their oppressors to be finally ..... (10) 'non-existent'.

One example of such a community is represented by the Ainu people - the original inhabitants of the Japanese Archipelago whose independent existence was ruined by an extremely rapid assimilation with the Japanese culture. The Ainu are believed to have possessed very distinct characteristics from those that ..... (11) the Japanese people. Theirs was a light complexion and thick wavy hair as well as a totally isolated language. They adored many spirits ..... (12) by natural phenomena like animals, plants or climatic forces. Once a year they would sacrifice a bear cub at a religious festival which was a sign of reverent ..... (13) for the gods. Now, they are claimed to be no longer existent in their pure form.

By similar means, dozens of other cultures have ..... (14) leaving behind only a trait of their ..... (15) imprinted in the character of the societies that have absorbed them.

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|------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1. a) fill       | b) get      | c) make      | d) write    |
| 2. a) pursues    | b) resolves | c) undergoes | d) embarks  |
| 3. a) place      | b) stage    | c) assure    | d) expose   |
| 4. a) boundaries | b) realms   | c) margins   | d) zones    |
| 5. a) moment     | b) spell    | c) while     | d) time     |
| 6. a) deploying  | b) engaging | c) waging    | d) tackling |

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|---------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 7. a) in lieu of    | b) in the way of | c) by dint of  | d) for the sake of |
| 8. a) evicted       | b) ousted        | c) removed     | d) deprived        |
| 9. a) intermingled  | b) exchanged     | c) intertwined | d) incorporated    |
| 10. a) decided      | b) nicknamed     | c) presupposed | d) classified      |
| 11. a) divulge      | b) typify        | c) relate      | d) sport           |
| 12. a) embodied     | b) displayed     | c) ingrained   | d) defaced         |
| 13. a) esteem       | b) acclaim       | c) worship     | d) commitment      |
| 14. a) extinguished | b) vanished      | c) annihilated | d) eradicated      |
| 15. a) legacy       | b) heredity      | c) remnant     | d) heirloom        |

**II. Put the words in the correct form.**

- The terrified lady was asked to give a detailed ..... (DESCRIBE) of the attacker.
- Within the last two decades the computer has become the most ..... (DISPENSE) piece of equipment in the office.
- This definition is too long and too complex to be ..... (MEMORY) in full.
- Don't enter the enclosed area, it's ..... (LEGAL) .
- Several guests have expressed their profound ..... (SATISFY) with the faulty air-conditioning in their rooms.
- My new car is very ..... (ECONOMY). It only uses four litres of petrol per one hundred kilometres.
- The announcement says that excellent credentials and a good knowledge of French are ..... (REQUIRE) for obtaining this job.
- Excuse me, what is the ..... (POST) for sending a six kilogram parcel abroad?
- Their trading couldn't have been very ..... (PROFIT) otherwise they wouldn't have closed the firm down so quickly.
- First, he refused to let us in, but on second ..... (THINK) he said we would be welcome.
- This summer my family is going on a ..... (PACK) holiday in South America with one of the best travel agencies.
- According to the cardiologists his heart defect is ..... (CURE), yet he may live with it until he is hundred.

13. There is no ..... (ADMIT) to the museum on Mondays.
14. You needn't treat my case as ..... (URGE). I can wait.
15. Are you sure it's a good idea to make an ..... (INVEST) in the company shares?

### III. Insert the correct prepositions.

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**AT    BY    FOR    IN    OF    ON    UNDER**

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1. Irrespective ..... the poor weather conditions the search for the missing child was continued.
2. Alice didn't know I would be spending the afternoon in the reading room. We only met there ..... chance.
3. The poor parents were ..... tenterhooks expecting the news from hospital.
4. George has promised to instruct us ..... operating the system when he's in town.
5. No wonder she bungled the test as she was ..... so much strain after her mother's death.
6. Your exceptional sense of duty is surely a feature to be praised .....
7. Arnold was ordered to dispose ..... his heavy luggage and take only the most important items.
8. She doesn't need to be encouraged to try the Chinese menu. In fact, she's got a well-developed liking ..... any kind of exotic cuisine.
9. I'd say his outlook ..... life is rather strange. He doesn't work or take any interest ..... establishing a family.
10. Everything should be ready by now. The presidential plane may be landing ..... any moment.
11. It looks as if they all have been ..... favour of the Republican candidate for a long time. I wonder what makes them cherish him so much.
12. I'm very sorry Nick, but you cannot watch the film. You are still ..... age.
13. It's not sensible to think that all offenders are devoid ..... human feelings. Some of them turn out to be very sensitive people if you get to know them better.

14. Her function in the unit isn't essential, but ..... the other hand, we wouldn't manage without her.
15. Both the testimonies are completely different. I'm afraid we are in for a lot of trouble to establish which of the witnesses is ..... the right.

**IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.**

1. We would not be able to prepare the show without the money from our sponsors.

**Were it** .....

2. Your essays should be submitted by the 30th of June.

**The deadline** .....

3. I'm very sorry sir, but all the places have been booked.

..... left.

4. She demands that the garden should be weeded now. (**insistent**)

.....

5. They say that the political situation in this region is changing.

**The political situation** .....

6. We don't ever have time to play with the children in the afternoon.

**Never** .....

7. Certainly, Frank isn't the only person capable of translating the book into Polish

..... any means.

8. She hasn't spoken much since the accident.

**Little** .....

9. Hurry up or else we will miss the train. (**move**)

**Get** .....

10. Celia had no other alternative but take a huge loan from the bank.

**The only** .....

V. Fill the gaps with the correct words.

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bush	chest	fingertips	footsteps	hang
mouth	neck	pieces	pinch	resort
respects	stride	sun	while	word

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1. The Duch baroness will be arriving for a visit to pay her ..... to the Queen.
2. He says he isn't afraid of risking his own ..... in the mission and he won't give it up.
3. If you find it hard to solve a mathematical problem on your own, you can always have ..... to the computer program which calculates everything perfectly.
4. Well, I cannot really give you any proof of my correctness at the present moment, so you have to take my ..... for it and believe that I'm right.
5. Get the load off your ..... and tell us what the matter is instead of moping about like this all day round.
6. Surely, there's no question about motoring that he cannot answer. Now that he has received his driving licence, he's got all the knowledge at his .....
7. Eddie is famous for playing tricks on everybody, so be careful not to believe everything he says. Rather take it with a ..... of salt.
8. All that effort in preparing the supper wasn't worth my ..... My husband came back late from work and the children had taken cheeseburgers in a snackbar.
9. 'What's wrong with the umbrella?' 'No idea, Jack. It simply fell to ..... as I tried to open it.'
10. Don't worry, we'll find a new gardener soon. Mr Bradbury isn't the only person under the ..... who can look after plants.
11. Arthur's excitement at horseracing doesn't surprise me in the least. His father was a famous jockey and the boy seems to be following in his .....
12. His complaining really put me off my ..... and I couldn't concentrate on my work again.
13. Stop beating about the ..... and tell us straight forward what you want.
14. The sensational news was passed by word of ..... from one staff member to another.
15. In the beginning, operating the panel was a bit troublesome for Michael. It took him a month to fully get the ..... of it.

## TEST 25

### I. Write in the correct words.

Most of us would **s** (1) ghost stories as children's stuff or even as a laughing **t** (2). Still, there are those who would give their right arm claiming that they have seen a ghost or even been able to **b** (3) messages from the deceased spirit. There is no sufficient evidence to **p** (4) such accounts, but they cannot be disregarded, either.

The researchers hoping to **r** (5) the mysterious supernatural phenomena believe that spirits can be **v** **d** (6) into several groups. Now and then, there are spectres which are visible for a few seconds and then **n** (7) into thin air so that their apparition cannot be examined thoroughly. Another form of a spirit is represented by the boisterous poltergeists that **h** (8) the places that they appear in with their noisy activity. The **p** (9) of a poltergeist can easily be recognized by a mysterious knocking on the doors, objects being thrown about or eerie muffled utterances. The most intimidating of all spirits is its evil form - a demon. It is believed that demons have a **c** (10) for exerting an influence upon peoples' lives mostly in **r** (11) of possessing their souls and forcing them to perform evil **d** **s** (12).

Exorcisms as a **h** (13) of dealing with such petrifying phenomena have been practiced since primeval times. The rituals have developed in multiple cultures to help **x** (14) the evil force from the possessed individuals or places.

At present, occurrences of spectres of famous or infamous characters showing up occasionally in different places are **p** **d** (15) by newspapers, especially when the place is as extraordinary as the White House where the spirit of Abraham Lincoln is said to roam with an enigmatic smile on its immaterial face.

### II. Put the words in the correct form.

1. Look at those heavy clouds, there is little ..... (LIKE) that it will clear up by tomorrow.
2. His life was of great ..... (PROSPER) as he became an immensely rich actor in his early teens.

3. Nobody takes kindly to Mike's arrogant behaviour, especially, to his .....  
(OFFEND) remarks.
4. Try being as ..... (SYMPATHY) as possible considering that Mrs  
Harkley has suffered from great misery recently.
5. I cannot think why the experts have questioned the ..... (AUTHENTIC)  
of the document claiming that it had been faked.
6. John can't speak English perfectly, but you have to make an .....  
(ALLOW) for the fact that he had spent his childhood in Sweden.
7. The management say there's no need to be worried, yet the rumour about the  
decrease in wages has caused considerable ..... (ANXIOUS) among  
the shipyard workers.
8. We have decided to quit our cooperation with the Derby wholesaler because of  
their constant inability to supply the ..... (SATISFY) amount of the  
ordered goods.
9. I've come under a lot of ..... (PRESS) lately as the dean wants me to  
take three exams next month.
10. The small partisan unit was ..... (HELP) in the face of the bigger and  
better armed invader, and so they surrendered without a fight.
11. I'm sorry madam, but your letter of ..... (COMPLAIN) hasn't been  
dealt with as yet. Would you kindly return in a few days, please?
12. The boy should be given an ..... (EXAMPLE) punishment so that the  
rest be afraid of harrasing the other little children in the future.
13. Whether there's life in the other galaxies seems to be an .....  
(ANSWER) question.
14. 'What do you call somebody dealing with physics?' 'I guess it's a .....  
(PHYSICS).'
15. The ..... (DISASTER) force of the tornado sweeping through the  
coastal area is too powerful to be countered.



III. Add the suitable verbs to make the correct phrasal verbs.

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back	catch	do	fall	keep
land	look	point	pry	put
stay	stick	take	tell	turn

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1. Our team counted on the financial support of the local council, but they have ..... **out of** their promises leaving us with no assistance.
2. The sugar bags have been left at home and I'm afraid we'll have to ..... **without** them during the weekend.
3. The moment I return, home I'll ..... in and sleep until next afternoon.
4. He didn't tell us the whole story, I guess. He must have ..... **back** the most intriguing part of it.
5. What invariably makes us angry at Sally is her constant ..... **into** our private matters whenever she comes for a visit.
6. So far, I haven't had time to ..... **through** all these photographs and choose the best ones for printing.
7. You shouldn't be smoking a cigarette in the waiting room. .... it **out** now or go outside the building.
8. I've told them a hundred times I've got no experience in wallpapering. Yet, they have ..... me **with** this job anyway.
9. Because of his serious knee damage our son has ..... **away from** school for twelve days now.
10. The astronauts had taken part in a press conference before their rocket ..... **off**.
11. Could you ..... **out** the major differences between these two theories, Mr Rooney?
12. One of the neighbours got nervous and ..... Simon **off** for playing the radio too loudly.
13. It ..... **out** a mile that Myra is in love with Brian. Just consider how affectionately she smiles at him.
14. Stop the quarrel now. There is no point in ..... **out** about such a trivial matter.
15. The bell-bottoms were very popular in the 70's, but it's unlikely they will ever ..... **on** again.

**IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.**

1. If you hope to be a good driver, you mustn't break the traffic regulations. (**abide**)

.....

2. I don't agree with the conclusions you have put forward. (**along with**)

.....

3. If you don't get down to work, you won't be able to pass the entrance exam.

(**otherwise**)

.....

4. Can Mr Bailey deliver the letters by tomorrow?

**Is it** .....?

5. Alfred put on his raincoat because he didn't want to get soaked.

**For fear** .....

6. Did she use her spare time in a good way? (**make**)

.....?

7. Where is the annual meeting being organized?

..... **place?**

8. It is more than probable that they have had problems with their car.

**In all** .....

9. She was warned firmly not to use the faulty oven, but she still kept doing so.

**Even** .....

10. It's hardly possible to reach the peak of the mountain on foot.

**It's nearly** .....

**V. Choose the correct answer.**

1. She may work slower than the other employees, but in ..... she is a conscientious worker.

- a) general      b) whole      c) least      d) a rule

2. No matter how we asked him to ..... the news, he would still refuse to tell us anything.

- a) launch      b) clear      c) notify      d) break

3. We were shocked when we discovered that our foreman betrayed us and ..... with the management in the dispute.  
 a) sided      b) approached      c) supported      d) aided
4. It's believed that the volcano is ....., but the seismologists suspect it might erupt one day.  
 a) extinguished      b) extinct      c) exhausted      d) expelled
5. The first convention of the Congress of Racial Equality was ..... in 1942.  
 a) delivered      b) enacted      c) performed      d) held
6. Don't you think it's about time you changed the washer in the ..... tap?  
 a) drooping      b) dripping      c) dropping      d) dipping
7. The findings of the report read that by the year 2008 famine in the Third World countries will have reached epidemic .....  
 a) ratio      b) proportions      c) spread      d) range
8. I haven't established yet how the affair broke out, but I'm going to get to the very ..... of it.  
 a) bottom      b) ground      c) basis      d) threshold
9. She may still have a few fans in the world, but she is definitely past her .....  
 a) fame      b) abilities      c) prime      d) fortune
10. The majority of the political prisoners were ..... right after the collapse of the repressive regime.  
 a) removed      b) dispatched      c) evicted      d) released
11. It ..... without saying that Mr Abercrombie deserves the prize for his imposing achievements in the field of archaeology.  
 a) comes      b) means      c) is      d) goes
12. Is it possible to ..... the twin brothers apart?  
 a) recognize      b) tell      c) distinguish      d) see
13. Our chances of coming in time for the meeting are rather .....  
 a) slim      b) sparse      c) tiny      d) weak
14. Getting everything ready by tomorrow ..... working at night. I'm afraid nobody will agree to stay after hours.  
 a) obliges      b) implements      c) entails      d) indicates

15. You are under no ..... to check every passenger. You can do it at random.  
a) must      b) necessity      c) obligation      d) duty
16. It was the solicitor who persuaded me to make a clean ..... of everything in the court.  
a) head      b) tongue      c) breast      d) heart
17. I have been looking for the floppy disk for a few hours, but it seems to have vanished without a .....  
a) sign      b) clue      c) spot      d) trace
18. We cannot ..... the rules and let them go unpunished as their offence was too serious.  
a) lean      b) bend      c) decline      d) spare
19. Professor Wallace has been given a prestigious award in ..... of his pioneering research in treating the AIDS patients.  
a) recognition      b) evaluation      c) respect      d) credit
20. I think it was completely thoughtless of you to have turned your ..... on the friends asking for your help.  
a) fist      b) neck      c) head      d) back

## TEST 26

### I. Choose the words that best complete the sentences in the text.

Peoples' personalities ..... (1) considerably from one another as there are no two alike. Our ingrained characteristics which ..... (2) the patterns of our behaviour, our reactions and temperaments are unparalleled on ..... (3) of the diversified processes that ..... (4) our personality in the earliest ..... (5) of human development.

Some ..... (6) of character may to some ..... (7) be hereditary simulating the attributes that ..... (8) our parents. Others may ..... (9) from the conditions experienced during pregnancy and infancy in this way reflecting the parents' approach towards ..... (10) their offspring. Consequently, the environmental factor ..... (11) a crucial role in strengthening or eliminating certain behavioural systems making an individual more prone to ..... (12) to the patterns that ..... (13) a prize.

Undoubtedly, human personality ..... (14) the most profound and irreversible formation during the first period of its development, yet, certain characteristics may still be ..... (15) to considerable changes conditioned by different circumstances and situations.

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|--------------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|
| 1. a) distinguish  | b) converge   | c) vary      | d) differentiate |
| 2. a) denote       | b) resolve    | c) inflict   | d) determine     |
| 3. a) account      | b) means      | c) token     | d) event         |
| 4. a) mould        | b) design     | c) conceive  | d) fabricate     |
| 5. a) states       | b) instants   | c) stages    | d) terms         |
| 6. a) factors      | b) traits     | c) items     | d) breeds        |
| 7. a) scope        | b) area       | c) extent    | d) length        |
| 8. a) pertain      | b) recognize  | c) associate | d) identify      |
| 9. a) stem         | b) relate     | c) rise      | d) formulate     |
| 10. a) breeding    | b) rearing    | c) growing   | d) yielding      |
| 11. a) makes       | b) does       | c) finds     | d) plays         |
| 12. a) comfort     | b) pledge     | c) acquiesce | d) obey          |
| 13. a) yearn       | b) deserve    | c) wish      | d) necessitate   |
| 14. a) underacts   | b) undertakes | c) undergoes | d) underlies     |
| 15. a) practicable | b) feasible   | c) subject   | d) potential     |

**II. Put the words in the correct form.**

1. Never before have I seen more ..... (PICTURE) landscapes than here in the mountainous region of the Alps.
2. Now that you have finished your studies, you can feel absolutely ..... (CARE) being under no pressure any longer.
3. Mr Brown is the most ..... (RESPECT) member of our organization, which, I think, sometimes makes him a bit snobbish.
4. In Asian societies the life ..... (EXPECT) period is shorter than in most European countries.
5. 'Who owns this excellent shop?' 'I guess Mrs Ashley is the ..... (KEEP) here.'
6. The rock group has gained a lot of ..... (POPULAR) ever since their first CD was recorded.
7. The waiter says that the tomato salad is more ..... (PREFER) with fish to any other one.
8. Do you have to leave or can you be of ..... (ASSIST) to me this evening?
9. Jake has been reprimanded for his inconsiderate breaking of the ..... (SAFE) regulations in the welding shop.
10. Sure, he will fight till the end. He is the most ..... (PERSIST) character I have ever known.
11. The heavy damage to the bone is ..... (REPAIR). It's feared that he will have to spend the rest of his life in a wheelchair.
12. 'As soon as I reach the ..... (RETIRE) age, I will withdraw from political life.', said the minister.
13. She says she feels claustrophobic in her office as it isn't ..... (SPACE) enough.
14. It is not the ..... (MAINTAIN) of the residence that costs so much as the exorbitant taxes imposed by the tax office.
15. There is a ..... (TEND) among teenagers nowadays towards spending more time in sports centres than they did a few years earlier.

III. Insert the correct prepositions.

AT    BEHIND    BEYOND    FOR    IN    INTO    OF    ON    TO    WITH

1. I'm extremely pressed ..... money these days. Could you lend me a few pounds, please?
2. Mother insisted ..... having dinner before we carried on ..... the game.
3. It's a great pity that those beautiful birds are vulnerable ..... so much harm.
4. Tom hasn't attended classes for about two months and consequently he is rather ..... with his lessons.
5. Don't expose this gas tin ..... open fire as it may result ..... an explosion.
6. Must you always be so envious ..... your cousin's toys?
7. Adam felt really sick ..... heart after his girlfriend had walked out ..... him.
8. Seriously, I didn't have to pay ..... the notebook, I got it ..... free.
9. Your scheme may sound interesting ..... theory, but its feasibility can only be checked ..... practice.
10. It's ..... any hope that the Italian champion will retain the title. Nobody's giving her any chances this year.
11. It was me who Cindy used to take ..... her confidence. Yet, ..... this particular occasion she refused to reveal her secret to anyone, even me.
12. It isn't so much fatigue as lack of commitment ..... finishing the task that makes you so inoperative.
13. We all sympathized ..... Gloria when we had learned about her father's unexpected death.
14. Michael showed his disgust ..... the way he was treated by refusing to speak to anyone.
15. I know Pete's conduct was intolerable, but don't be too hard ..... him.

**IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.**

1. Although I tried very hard, I couldn't convince Debbie to deliver a speech.

**Try** .....

2. Nobody died in the accident. (no fatalities)

.....

3. John has taken it upon himself to look after the baby tomorrow. (committed)

.....

4. The possibility of any further storms can't be excluded.

..... **out.**

5. We never lost hope that the our missing son would return some day.

**At no time** .....

6. Robert warned his wife pretty strongly, yet she refused to listen to his advice.

**No matter** .....

7. She earns too little to afford to buy expensive cosmetics.

**She doesn't** .....

8. Can the conflict be only solved by force?

**Isn't there** .....?

9. One of the patients couldn't breathe properly. (short)

.....

10. I reported him to the police because I assumed he was guilty of theft. (assumption)

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**V. Fill the gaps with the correct words.**

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accounts	blue	cat	colours	fiddle
ground	hair	horse	lengths	light
mind	peg	shadow	stick	terms

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1. Keep your ..... on even if the reporters keep accusing you of lying.

2. I don't like the presents they have given to me for Christmas. But, as they say, never look a gift ..... in the mouth.



3. You must admit the organizers have gone to great ..... to cater for all tastes.
4. I wish I knew who let the ..... out of the bag and made the secret known to everyone.
5. The examiners were very satisfied with Jim's vast knowledge of the subject, and so he passed the exam with flying .....
6. It's a very tempting offer to buy a house on such easy ....., isn't it?
7. Don't worry about his health. He is as fit as a .....
8. Louis Pasteur broke new ..... in medicine with his revolutionary discovery of the vaccine against rabies.
9. It's no use trying to persuade Cybil to give up the journey. She definitely knows her own ..... and she won't change the decision.
10. The question arose completely out of the ..... . Nobody suspected there might be any overdue bills to pay.
11. Beyond a ..... of a doubt, this is the man whom I saw kissing Cindy in front of the cinema.
12. 'Have any new facts come to ..... about the plane catastrophe in Hamburg?' 'Unfortunately not. There have been no reports as yet.'
13. My wife never goes to a dress-maker. She buys her clothes off the ..... only.
14. You must have got hold of the wrong end of the ..... . He said he was for the reforms, not against them.
15. Mrs Pooley is by all ..... the nicest teacher in our school. Both the children and the staff like her a lot.

## TEST 27

### I. Choose the words that best complete the sentences in the text.

Sad as it is, a social misperception of the disabled is still ..... (1) in many communities. It is only in a few highly civilised states where the problems and needs of people with physical or mental incapacities are given the proper ..... (2). In the remaining countries, the discrimination against the disabled is still practiced in many ..... (3) of social life. As in the past, they are ignored, denounced and forced to stay away from the normal community which, unfortunately, isn't capable of making any ..... (4) for its less fit members.

For decades, the ..... (5) and hearty part of every society has ..... (6) the disabled of their fundamental rights as their job applications have been ..... (7) down, their active participation in business life has on most ..... (8) been disallowed and there has been little concern for their convenience in ..... (9) to public transport. Equally little effort has been made to help the disabled fully ..... (10) with the able-bodied thus laying ..... (11) for greater community awareness of the drawbacks that the handicapped have to wrestle with daily.

There's an urgent need to offer the disabled more adequate assistance and support in their struggle for putting their basic rights into ..... (12). The key principle is that the stereotyped approach towards the impaired individuals ought to be ..... (13) for a more considerate one. Another pressing matter is that the disabled shouldn't be ..... (14) on the basis of their handicap, but society should rather focus on providing them with complete acceptance ..... (15) of any imperfections thus treating them as fully-fledged citizens.

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|-----------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. a) infinite  | b) universal     | c) abundant  | d) prevalent |
| 2. a) relevance | b) consideration | c) approach  | d) esteem    |
| 3. a) ranges    | b) fractions     | c) realms    | d) areas     |
| 4. a) accounts  | b) provisions    | c) measures  | d) concerns  |
| 5. a) hale      | b) vivid         | c) fit       | d) right     |
| 6. a) shelled   | b) sneaked       | c) seized    | d) stripped  |
| 7. a) pulled    | b) turned        | c) passed    | d) brought   |
| 8. a) occasions | b) times         | c) instances | d) events    |

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|--------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 9. a) entry        | b) admittance   | c) access     | d) exploitation |
| 10. a) collaborate | b) incorporate  | c) ally       | d) integrate    |
| 11. a) foundations | b) bases        | c) grounds    | d) rudiments    |
| 12. a) handling    | b) operation    | c) activation | d) performance  |
| 13. a) replaced    | b) deputized    | c) exchanged  | d) substituted  |
| 14. a) measured    | b) deduced      | c) reckoned   | d) appraised    |
| 15. a) despite     | b) irrespective | c) except     | d) nonetheless  |

ii. Replace each italicized verb or phrase with the correct form of a synonymous phrasal verb.

back down	bring up	crop up	dwell on	fall off
get round	have on	look to	make out	pick up
run across	stand up to	take to	track down	turn out

1. One of the boys from my class objects to taking part in the performance and I don't really know how to *persuade* him.

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2. We were warned not to *oppose* the CEO's decisions or else we would be fired.

.....

3. The question was so delicate and problematic that there was nobody willing to *mention* it.

.....

4. We invariably *rely on* Paul whenever giving a lift to the airport is the matter.

.....

5. Your report *deals too much with* the side effects of the venture. Why not write more about its good points, Mr Hewitt?

.....

6. This automobile manufacturer *produces* about a thousand cars a year, half of which are exported.

.....

7. The visitors leaving for Dublin will be *collected* by a bus after breakfast.

.....

8. In the face of all these arguments I had to **admit I was wrong**.

9. Even the extensive advertising campaign hasn't prevented the demand for our printers from **decreasing**.

10. 'She says she's going to be a medicine student.' 'Oh, don't believe her. She's **deceiving** you.'

11. I'd had no idea there were jewels hidden in my attic. I just **found them completely by chance**.

12. Don't worry, he only **pretends** that he is such a strict teacher.

13. After the two-hour search, the hunters decided to give up **following** the stags.

14. We were convinced Patrick would **get to like** uncle Jerry the moment he met him.

15. There were a few minor difficulties in the beginning, but real problems **appeared** when it became clear my business partner had vanished with all the money.

III. Replace each italicized phrase or adjective with a synonymous one.

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apprehensive   appropriate   comprehensive   conscientious  
destitute   facetious   feasible   grave   juvenile  
previous   sober   staggering   tricky   unique   vague

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1. Sheryl was complimented on her **thorough** knowledge of the subject and given the best mark. ....

2. The world record set up by the **former** champion hasn't been broken so far.  
.....

3. To be honest with you, I have to say I have no experience in handling such **complex** matters. ....

4. In the assistant's opinion the scheme is **possible to be carried out**. ....

5. I noticed that only some of the adolescents were **not drunk** when they entered the club. ....
6. Mark's sense of humour is quite **incomparable**. Hardly anyone can amuse crowds of people for four hours without a pause. ....
7. Inhabitants of the rural area have lived in **extremely poor** conditions ever since the political conflicts destroyed the economy of this region. ....
8. You are being **funny**, Ted. You won't convince me you have had an encounter with an extraterrestrial civilization. ....
9. Hadn't the passengers of the capsized ferry been equipped with life jackets, the consequences of the catastrophe would have been **very serious**. ....
10. This brand new stereo set produces sounds of **astonishing** quality. ....
11. Wait for the most **suitable** occasion and tell Amanda about your affection.  
.....
12. We have to tolerate his **childish** acting as he is only nine. ....
13. The identity of the attacker couldn't be established as the profile provided by the witness was **not clear**. ....
14. Jackie says she is rather **worried** about the outcome of the operation.  
.....
15. If you were to choose the most **diligent** student in your class, who would that be, Miss Dice? .....

**IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.**

1. It was a pity nobody voted in favour of our party.  
**I wished** .....
2. Why did Mary resign? (the reason)  
**What** .....?
3. You shouldn't forget about your grandmother's birthday in any circumstances.  
**Under no** .....
4. The whole truth didn't come out until after the governor's death.  
**It wasn't** .....
5. You are forbidden from leaving the house at night.  
**Your** ..... **question**.

6. How long have they been listening to this loud music?

When .....

7. No such idea has ever occurred to me before. (crossed)

.....

8. If the weather is fine, we may go camping at the weekend. (permitting)

.....

9. I'm sure it wasn't Barney who broke the mirror as he was outside all the time.

It couldn't .....

10. Having replaced the flat tyre with a new one, we went on driving to the countryside.

After we .....

#### V. Choose the correct answer.

1. Are you still bearing a ..... against Peter because of his criticism about your singing?

- a) dislike      b) grudge      c) contempt      d) scorn

2. We took the most ..... route while travelling to Paris.

- a) forward      b) regular      c) direct      d) even

3. It isn't easy to obtain admission to this university, to say ..... of the costs you have to incur.

- a) but a few      b) only a little      c) not so much      d) nothing more

4. The poor man was ..... of everything after he was evicted from the apartment and his properties were taken by the debt collector.

- a) removed      b) possessed      c) deprived      d) acquired

5. Mrs McCarthy was given a hard ..... by her husband who left her with four children to look after.

- a) problem      b) worry      c) deal      d) time

6. Nobody took any ..... of his opinions, which, I guess, made him so furious.

- a) attention      b) regard      c) notice      d) recognition

7. I said Ricardson, but I meant Richardson. It was just a ..... of the tongue.

- a) slip      b) mistake      c) fault      d) lapse

8. The inaccurate information ..... us into thinking that it was a half-price flight to Chicago.  
 a) misconducted      b) misfired      c) misinformed      d) misled
9. She doesn't ..... to be an expert, but certainly she knows a lot.  
 a) claim      b) impress      c) inform      d) argue
10. People under eighteen aren't ..... for membership in this association.  
 a) viable      b) eligible      c) permissible      d) legal
11. He couldn't have been in his right ..... saying that he can fly.  
 a) minds      b) brains      c) senses      d) thoughts
12. You may think I am an old man, but I can assure you I am still ..... strong.  
 a) doing      b) running      c) making      d) going
13. That constant noise from the children's room is ..... me from work.  
 a) distracting      b) dispersing      c) disturbing      d) disrupting
14. As soon as you cross the army gates, you will have to ..... yourself to the superiors' commands.  
 a) abide      b) devote      c) submit      d) comply
15. If you tell him he isn't a good musician, that will be nothing ..... of a humiliation to him.  
 a) less      b) short      c) more      d) bigger
16. Mike's tendency towards forgetting things is a ..... joke among his closest friends.  
 a) continuing      b) lasting      c) constant      d) standing
17. 'When was your son made .....?' 'Oh, it was right after the strike the unions had organized.'  
 a) useless      b) redundant      c) unoccupied      d) idle
18. Don't push me into helping you in the garden now. I'm completely ..... and feel like having a short nap.  
 a) filled up      b) worn off      c) let out      d) done in
19. I'm fed up with your constant interfering in my private life. Why don't you ..... your own business?  
 a) beware      b) care      c) mind      d) watch
20. If the new law had been ..... on by the Parliament, there would have been a great dissatisfaction in the lower social groups.  
 a) accepted      b) admitted      c) adopted      d) agreed

## TEST 28

### I. Write in the correct words.

It is the human factor that **t** \_\_\_\_\_ **s** (1) to the absolute majority of road accidents which involve the tremendous toll of fatalities each year. Other, less decisive, causes are vehicle malfunctions or road shortcomings.

Speeding motorists are **n** \_\_\_\_\_ (2) for failing to give way at junctions, misjudging the **u** \_\_\_\_\_ (3) on the road or being unable to accurately **m** \_\_\_\_\_ (4) the distance while overtaking the 'snailpacers' ahead.

Drinkers who **t** \_\_\_\_\_ (5) behind the wheel after one glass or two may be **n** \_\_\_\_\_ **g** (6) the risk of causing a tragedy through their impaired perception, which is not so rare a **e** (7), again.

Unfortunately, it is much simpler to **r** \_\_\_\_\_ (8) the necessary alterations in the traffic system than change the behavioural patterns of drivers. There are voices that more severe disciplinary resolutions ought to be put into **c** \_\_\_\_\_ (9) if the vehicle users are to benefit from greater security on the road. The idea of producing safe road users through pre-school parental instruction or through incorporating the safety regulations into the school curriculum has been widely **i** \_\_\_\_\_ **d** (10) in many communities and is expected to **y** \_\_\_\_\_ (11) the required results as the first step in bettering the qualifications of the future drivers and acquainting them with the potential hazards that may **r** \_\_\_\_\_ (12) en route.

### II. Put the words in the correct form.

1. This tin contains ..... (POISON) gas and it should be handled with caution.
2. Brian is thinking of becoming a world famous ..... (SCHOOL) after he finishes his studies.
3. In my view, he is too ..... (DECIDE) to be accepted. A good broker must be able to take prompt decisions.
4. The poet's ..... (BURY) attracted hundreds of his admirers who came to pay their last respects.



5. One of the local newspapers poured scorn on the referee for his .....  
(PART) in the last game. The man was accused of favouring the home team.
6. It was impossible to read the pedestal inscription for it had been .....  
(FACE) by some mindless vandal.
7. Due to numerous complaints from motorists the Transport Department has  
administered funds for ..... (WIDE) the narrow streets in the town.
8. Don't expect her to conceal her emotions, she's too ..... (SPEAK) to  
refrain from telling what is on her mind.
9. It's only a three day stay in the hotel and I think we can ignore such small  
..... (CONVENIENT) as the lack of hot water or air-conditioning.
10. My husband is so depressed. He has been ..... (HEART) from  
continuing his research after his findings were rejected by the experts.
11. Both of the fighting sides have agreed on a temporary ..... (ARM) just  
to let the civilians safely leave the place.
12. We are so proud of your most ..... (CREDIT) academic achievements  
that we have decided to take you on a trip to Australia.
13. This is the ..... (REMIND) I have received from the Electricity Board to  
settle an overdue bill.
14. A dress ..... (HEAR) is the final practice in costumes before staging  
a play in the theatre.
15. How can you account for Jack's ..... (HOSTILE) towards Morris?  
I thought they were very close friends.

### III. Insert the correct prepositions.

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**AT   BEHIND   FROM   IN   OF   OFF   ON   TO   UNDER   WITH**

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1. Never before have I been more reliant ..... my parents than during the  
long stay in hospital.
2. Joan kept herself busy ..... a lot of housework just to forget about her  
problems.
3. It's a considerable risk placing so much trust ..... the firm. The value  
of its shares hasn't been ..... the increase for five weeks now.
4. Their situation was critical. They had no map, their water supplies were running  
low and they had no food to subsist .....

5. The mechanic was ..... great pains to repair the engine, but in the end, he advised me to buy a new one.
6. Stop spraying this onto me! My nose is very sensitive ..... any kind of fragrant substances.
7. Don't believe a word of what they say and beware ..... the far-fetched theories they put forward at their gatherings.
8. I'm not convinced Arthur's comments had much to do ..... the affair. To me, they were rather ..... the point.
9. It was George's brilliant erudition ..... particular that attracted Stephanie's attention.
10. You needn't pay for repairing the washing machine, madam. It is still ..... guarantee.
11. .... view of so many extenuating circumstances he shouldn't be punished too severely.
12. The rural population in the region has been warned to economize ..... fresh water because of the imminent dry spell.
13. 'Has Howard Jackson been discharged ..... prison yet?' 'No, he's still being kept ..... bars.'
14. You aren't obliged to consult your every move with the management. You may act ..... will as long as it brings profits for the company.
15. In the doctor's opinion, the pain in your hip bone stems ..... the injury you incurred in the last season.

**IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.**

1. I cannot do anything more to make you feel comfortable.

**There** .....

2. Many wild animals are in danger of extinction.

**The life** ..... **peril.**

3. If I were you, I would throw the files away. (**dispose**)

.....

4. The Wrights don't have much money to live in comfort.

..... **ends meet.**

5. You should ask for some medical support as soon as you reach the nearest town.  
**Immediately** .....
6. We couldn't find her anywhere.  
**She was** ..... **found**.
7. I couldn't understand a word of what he said. (**tail**)  
 .....
8. Should you practice the piano so often? (**advisable**)  
 .....?
9. Our supplies of firewood will soon be finished. (**low**)  
**We** .....
10. Carol is obliged to do the washing up at home. (**an obligation**)  
 .....

**V. Fill the gaps with the correct words.**

age	back	bargain	chip	disrepute
end	fort	fun	line	mouth
rest	sides	toll	top	touch

1. That day was terrible. Our car broke down, we were robbed at the airport and on ..... of all that Sammy lost his ticket.
2. 'How is Martin doing in Switzerland?' 'I've no idea. He hasn't dropped me a single ..... since he left.'
3. All the delicious and tempting sweets made Eric's ..... water the moment he came close to the table.
4. Why don't you act your ..... instead of going on like a spoiled child?
5. I don't have much to say about the local policies as I have been out of ..... with it for a long time.
6. 'Thomas seems to be a bit disturbed these days.' 'Indeed. He does. He has got a ..... on his shoulder because he wasn't allowed to go camping with his friends.'
7. 'Did he do a good job renovating your cottage?' 'Sure, he put his ..... into the work.'

8. You can set your mind at ..... now. There's no more risk of being bitten by the Browns' dog. They have had it put down.
9. Several years of heavy working in the harmful conditions of the coalmine have undoubtedly taken their ..... on my father's health.
10. Alex's terrifying story of the Portsmouth butcher made my hair stand on .....
11. This restaurant has fallen into ..... since several people suffered from severe food poisoning last month.
12. Mr Bradley, the foreman, was asked to hold the ..... in the workshop and look after everything while the director went on holiday.
13. They did act foolishly calling Robert names, let alone poking ..... at his wife.
14. Not wishing to take ..... Mary preferred not to support anyone and remain absolutely impartial.
15. He won't let you gain much in your own favour, he usually drives a hard .....

## TEST 29

### I. Choose the words that best complete the sentences in the text.

There's extensive historical evidence that our ancestors may have witnessed a massive invasion of Unidentified Flying Objects ..... (1) on their territories. These extraterrestrials are ..... (2) to have come into ..... (3) with the ancient earthly populations and helped them ..... (4) numerous magnificent structures or even establish glamorous empires.

However, the present-day fascination with UFO was only ..... (5) by the first widely ..... (6) American sighting in Idaho in 1947. Since that time, countless other close encounters have been reported both by highly credible witnesses such as top-class pilots and less credible ones such as ordinary civilians. Thousands of people around the world maintain having come ..... (7) to the visitors from outer space or to have been ..... (8) for a scientific study inside their flying saucers. Although most of these accounts have been ..... (9) as fantasy or hallucinations, there's ..... (10) criticism from the public and media for ignoring the subject for too long. To many people, rejecting even the most inexplicable sightings or UFO encounters as luminous artificial objects, natural phenomena like auroras or even as meteorological balloons and satellites seems to be an irresponsible ..... (11). Most of us would prefer to believe that these extraterrestrial guests are arriving from some remote galaxies to ..... (12) a peaceful relationship and possibly give us a fair warning against the consequences of our wasteful lifestyles. Yet, there's another theory ..... (13) that the visitors' attitude towards mankind isn't so conciliatory and that their sole aim might be the unscrupulous annihilation of the terrestrial populations.

Doubtless, flying saucers still continue to be observed in many places of the world ..... (14) the imagination of UFO-maniacs. But, a large percentage of such sightings will remain ..... (15) explanation until more convincing evidence is supplied by the true experts.

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|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1. a) surpassing | b) approximating | c) transgressing | d) encroaching |
| 2. a) reasoned   | b) alleged       | c) denoted       | d) inferred    |
| 3. a) touch      | b) grip          | c) face          | d) sight       |
| 4. a) fabricate  | b) plant         | c) erect         | d) install     |

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|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 5. a) discharged   | b) instigated | c) constituted  | d) devised     |
| 6. a) proclaimed   | b) notified   | c) communicated | d) conveyed    |
| 7. a) direct       | b) adjacent   | c) close        | d) nearby      |
| 8. a) abolished    | b) abducted   | c) absconded    | d) abbreviated |
| 9. a) speculated   | b) disposed   | c) repelled     | d) dismissed   |
| 10. a) multiplying | b) piling     | c) storing      | d) mounting    |
| 11. a) approach    | b) bias       | c) encounter    | d) manner      |
| 12. a) establish   | b) engender   | c) enact        | d) engage      |
| 13. a) consisting  | b) specifying | c) meaning      | d) implying    |
| 14. a) startling   | b) triggering | c) sparking     | d) arising     |
| 15. a) beyond      | b) above      | c) under        | d) beneath     |

## II. Put the words in the correct form.

- The monarch's mindlessness led to a complete downfall of his .....  
(KING) and abject poverty among his subjects.
- Completing the task seemed ..... (ATTAIN) at first, but in the end, it  
turned out that it was much easier than we had expected.
- The mining industry, one of the most important ..... (COMPOSE) of  
our economy, brings enormous profits to the country.
- The boy's manners were highly ..... (CONTEMPT). No wonder that  
the teacher objected to having him in his class.
- We cannot rely on her account of the occurrence, it doesn't sound very  
..... (FACT) .
- 'What do you expect from your future wife, Mr Robson?' 'I'd like one that is faithful  
and ..... (SUBMIT) so that she can fulfil all my requests.'
- If only we hadn't forgotten to take the mosquito ..... (REPEL), we  
wouldn't have suffered from so severe bites.
- The rough treatment I received in the hotel definitely aroused my .....  
(PLEASE). In fact, I have never stayed in it again.
- It would be hard to find words to tell you about my impressions. The Scottish  
landscapes are simply ..... (DESCRIBE).
- I can't say he is a man of ..... (BLAME) reputation. He has been to  
prison twice for robberies and fraud.

11. Gordon was rather worried about his condition, and so the doctors had to ..... (SURE) him pretty strongly to restore his self-confidence.
12. One of the card players communicated with his partner by means of discreet facial movements which were almost ..... (PERCEIVE) to the eye of the less experienced participants.
13. We have had to replace the outdated technology with a modern one in order to make our work more ..... (EFFECT) .
14. The automobile manufacturer from Torino is the most serious contracting part of ours. They usually order ..... (COPY) amounts of the valves that get installed in their vehicles.
15. Mrs Stone is an ..... (EXPECT) mother. Her baby is due next month.

III. Add the suitable verbs to make the correct phrasal verbs.

bear	break	bring	draw	fall
get	give	let	look	pass
put	run	snap	stand	take

1. Infidelity stands rather high among the reasons that make families ..... **up** these days.
2. Sue took offence with the other girls who didn't want to ..... her in on their secrets.
3. Severe measures had to be introduced to ..... **down** the turmoil provoked by the savage football fans in Manchester.
4. 'Did you know Mrs Dalton - the biology teacher?' 'Sure, I did. What's up with her?' 'The poor lady ..... **away** last week and yesterday we attended her funeral.'
5. The businessman has given up building an amusement park in the city on account of too many organisational problems he has ..... **up against** from the local authorities.
6. The free tickets for the band's concert were ..... **up** within seconds by the enthusiasts flocking at the hall door.
7. The police have been ..... **into** the burglary case for three weeks now, but their investigation has made little progress.

8. You may feel secure. I won't let you down. I will ..... **by** you whatever happens.
9. Honestly, he is very clever at inventing stories. In the beginning, we were all ..... **in** by the ones he told us yesterday.
10. I'd rather we didn't eat the fish. Don't you think it is ..... **off** a strange smell?
11. Autumn is approaching, and so the days will soon be ..... **in**.
12. The judges had no basis for passing any sentence because no testimony had been ..... **out** with actual facts.
13. We feared we would have to sell the house to pay off the debts and couldn't find any better solution to ..... **round** this problem.
14. For several days, I had to ..... **back on** my radio to hear the latest news as my TV set was under repair.
15. Since my husband got that job in the printing house in Gloucester and ..... **in** £250 a week we have been pretty well off.

**IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.**

1. Susan is very proud of her sports achievements.  
**Susan prides** .....
2. He wasn't very willing to accept anybody else's demands. (**take kindly**)  
.....
3. I didn't think of giving up going on the expedition for a single moment.  
**Not for a single moment** .....
4. I preferred to take a course in psychology instead of wasting my time at the mathematics department.  
**Rather than** .....
5. Muriel may have forgotten about the evening classes.  
**It is** .....
6. Why don't we have a good time in the casino this night?  
**How** .....?
7. Right after our departure Tommy came down with a cold.  
**No sooner** .....



8. You should never disobey the safety regulations. (**conform**)

9. This case is similar to the one we investigated last year. (**bears**)

10. I'll have to find some time to tidy up the garden shed next week. (**get round to**)

**V. Choose the correct answer.**

1. It's no ..... asking him for anything seeing that he's not very responsive to our requests.  
a) well      b) fine      c) need      d) good
2. Susan has taken ..... to Peter's remarks about her appearance.  
a) annoyance      b) exception      c) irritation      d) nerve
3. The terrorists were asked whether they ..... guilty to the wrongdoing.  
a) pleaded      b) confirmed      c) stated      d) admitted
4. The health department is planning to ..... free leaflets informing people about heart diseases to help them attain a basic knowledge of self-protection.  
a) invent      b) formulate      c) announce      d) issue
5. You say that this small spare part cost you £100? I'm sure you paid through the ..... for it.  
a) eye      b) nose      c) ear      d) lips
6. She couldn't have been very attached to the cat if she decided to give it away at a .....  
a) touch      b) hint      c) stroke      d) glance
7. The order from the Headquarters reads that we should ..... if we can't break the rebell's resistance within the next three days.  
a) abandon      b) exit      c) cancel      d) retire
8. Jenny has been on a diet, but she can't resist her ..... for sweets now and then.  
a) inclination      b) craving      c) attraction      d) tendency
9. The prosecutor's decision is definite. The arsonists will ..... trial for their destructive activity.  
a) bear      b) stand      c) incur      d) confront

10. The police forces and the fire brigade have made a ..... effort to rescue the residents of the burning block of flats.  
a) dual      b) shared      c) mutual      d) together
11. What I actually earn bears no ..... to all my needs.  
a) link      b) relation      c) association      d) connection
12. Hundreds of people arriving in America have sought ..... from political discrimination in their countries.  
a) refuge      b) getaway      c) departure      d) hideaway
13. Staying here without any proper inoculation is inadvisable as you may be ..... the risk of contracting some dangerous disease from insect bites.  
a) provoking      b) urging      c) inciting      d) running
14. We sent him to the best school in England and hired the best teachers, but it was all ..... as he had no will to learn at all.  
a) vain      b) inaccurate      c) invalid      d) futile
15. The missing hitchhiker had been ..... dead until the sensational message came from the small town in Oregon where he was found alive.  
a) estimated      b) presumed      c) assessed      d) speculated
16. Frankie has always been held in high ..... among his workmates because of his exceptional skill at handling the most difficult tasks.  
a) respect      b) admiration      c) prestige      d) esteem
17. As far as Adam is concerned, he is nowhere ..... so good at swimming as his sister is.  
a) near      b) there      c) much      d) that
18. We don't need a bigger suitcase. This one should ..... its purpose right.  
a) perform      b) operate      c) serve      d) execute
19. Due to the computer malfunction all our data was lost. So unhappily, we had to begin all the calculations from .....  
a) onset      b) source      c) original      d) scratch
20. The ..... of the project has been suspended because of the inadequate financing.  
a) implementation      b) establishment      c) installation      d) exploration

## TEST 30

### I. Replace each italicized word with a synonymous one.

In today's busy world of sports competition the *inborn* (1) *talent* (2) for running fast or jumping high isn't *enough* (3) to get to the top. The extraordinary relationship between training techniques and technological *advancement* (4) has prompted revolutionary changes in the field of athletics as well as in the other variety of sports disciplines. The close cooperation between science and sportsmen themselves has provided a fresh *inspiration* (5) aimed at helping the athletes to advance their performance. The *complicated* (6) mechanisms of the human body are scrutinized in laboratories where competitors are welcomed to act as useful consultants whose *skill* (7) cannot be imitated by even the most sophisticated computer programs.

The remarkable development in sports achievements has been *initiated* (8) and led by the sports equipment designers - the shoe manufacturers in particular. This fresh scientific approach and the impressive collaboration between technology and competitors have *stimulated* (9) a dramatic progress in attaining record results. Whereas the average weight of a sports shoe two decades ago amounted to 320 grammes, today its *equivalent* (10) is about fifty per cent lighter. In consequence, sportsmen like marathon runners can cover long distances much faster than they did a hundred years earlier.

But it's not only the professional competitors that have benefited from the astounding *breakthrough* (11) in the sports equipment technologies. Amateur joggers and keep-fit *enthusiasts* (12) can also take tremendous advantage of the *enormous* (13) changes in the science of sport. The expectations and *tastes* (14) of casual sportsmen are also running high for the foot gear and other accessories to guarantee *maximum* (15) comfort and a betterment in performance.

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|--------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. a) incorporated | b) interior    | c) inherent    | d) inward      |
| 2. a) aptitude     | b) scholarship | c) proficiency | d) flexibility |
| 3. a) profuse      | b) superfluous | c) sufficient  | d) ample       |
| 4. a) handicap     | b) footmark    | c) backlog     | d) headway     |
| 5. a) novelty      | b) fancy       | c) incentive   | d) bias        |
| 6. a) intricate    | b) erroneous   | c) implicit    | d) cumbersome  |

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| 7. a) craftsmanship | b) expertise   | c) insight       | d) ambivalence    |
| 8. a) cropped up    | b) spurred on  | c) sparked off   | d) jotted down    |
| 9. a) released      | b) enhanced    | c) invalidated   | d) amplified      |
| 10. a) counterpart  | b) successor   | c) alternative   | d) heir           |
| 11. a) bench mark   | b) flash point | c) quantum leap  | d) master stroke  |
| 12. a) envoys       | b) disciples   | c) apprentices   | d) zealots        |
| 13. a) generous     | b) fabulous    | c) prodigious    | d) arduous        |
| 14. a) preferences  | b) tendencies  | c) prerequisites | d) specifications |
| 15. a) superlative  | b) invincible  | c) primary       | d) ultimate       |

## II. Put the words in the correct form.

- Paul has gained a lot of favour with the girls from his class who are enchanted with his most ..... (COURT) manners.
- It's usually hard to guess when the earthquake may strike and the extent of the destruction is not ..... (PREDICT) , either
- 'Have you got any proof of the ..... (OWN) of this vehicle, sir?'  
'Of course I have. Will the registration card do?'
- Even the deployment of the peacekeeping troops couldn't prevent another ..... (BREAK) of heavy fighting in the trouble spot.
- The monthly ..... (INSTAL) that we have to pay for the furniture amount to £35.
- It was the commander who ordered the complete ..... (ABANDON) of the aircraft carrier after it was heavily hit by the enemy's torpedoes.
- The population of the partridge is ..... (COMPARE) small in this region considering that no shooting of these birds has been allowed since 1988.
- Mr Higgins' outstanding merits in the field of embriology are ..... (DISPUTE).
- Will it ever be possible for the human race to reach the extreme ..... (BOUND) of the universe?
- Eric has been studying ..... (ENGINE) and hopes to make a good technical designer in the future.
- The Court of Justice has rejected all the ..... (ALLEGE) against Mrs Stacey on the grounds of insufficient evidence.

12. I will never agree to that. It's absolutely ..... (THINK) to me that the rubbish dump should be placed behind my house.
13. It was her most ..... (APOLOGIZE) appearance that made us let her go unpunished.
14. The least ..... (PRODUCE) rural areas will be subsidized by the Agriculture Department to help modernize their cultivating techniques.
15. The report printed in the Mirror is totally ..... (CONTRADICT) to the one I have read in the Daily. I wonder what caused so many discrepancies in the authors' accounts.

### III. Insert the correct prepositions.

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**BEYOND BY FOR FROM IN OF OFF ON TO WITH**

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1. After four years of painstaking preparations and a harsh physical training, he has finally succeeded ..... winning the Olympic gold medal.
2. The elderly gentleman says he hasn't seen his homeland for twenty years and that he longs ..... it a lot.
3. Don't wake him up. He was ..... the go all night and he returned from work very tired.
4. One customer asked who was ..... authority in the store as he wanted to make a complaint.
5. The accused leaders were dispossessed ..... their belongings in case they wanted to suppress any evidence.
6. 'Where does the word *somnambulist* derive .....?' 'Certainly, it is of Latin origin.'
7. The success of our latest CD was far ..... our wildest dreams. Nobody had expected it to become so popular.
8. What he says is ..... real. He is not the kind who makes up stories.
9. Some of the artefacts discovered during the excavation work will be sold ..... auction.
10. Now that the case is ..... my hands, I don't need to worry any more. The other barrister has taken it over.
11. Be honest ..... me and say how you came into possession of the valuables.

12. Eddie got into serious trouble after he had treated himself ..... too many books and had no money left for the bus back home.
13. All these documents are kept ..... file so that we may get them quickly whenever we need them.
14. Visit us again in summer when all the flowers in the garden are ..... full bloom.
15. The situation in the occupied territory is improving ..... degrees. It will certainly take some time before peace is fully restored.

**IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.**

1. You cannot deny the old town square is imposing.

**There's no** .....

2. To tell you the truth, I bought these shoes on the cheap.

..... **song.**

3. We were all shocked by the rude response that the boy gave to his loving mother.

**(aback)**

.....

4. The flight attendant asked me to put down the cigarette. **(refrain)**

**The flight attendant** .....

5. I just touched the handle and the burglar alarm went off.

**Hardly** .....

6. William and Simon don't like each other. **(get)**

**William and Simon** .....

7. Since their father's death, they have had serious financial problems.

..... **straits.**

8. Jack isn't so much interested in Lisa as in her parents' big fortune.

**Lisa** .....

9. Nigel doesn't pay much attention to my problems.

..... **granted.**

10. Do we have to work only night shifts all the time?

**Is there no alternative** .....?

**V. Fill the gaps with the correct words.**

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<b>bad</b>	<b>blue</b>	<b>bold</b>	<b>cold</b>	<b>flat</b>
<b>hot</b>	<b>large</b>	<b>red</b>	<b>safe</b>	<b>short</b>
<b>stiff</b>	<b>two</b>	<b>upper</b>	<b>wet</b>	<b>wide</b>

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1. Martin's been feeling low since he was given the ..... shoulder by another girl.
2. Sorry, but your answers are rather ..... of the mark. Come again and retake the exam after you have learned more.
3. The secretary of the party got into ..... water when it was discovered she had taken bribes.
4. If we cannot put our best players in the game tomorrow our opponents will automatically gain the ..... hand.
5. You'd better be on the ..... side and take these pills just in case your casual cough turns into a regular cold.
6. Sonny did his best to make a good impression, but all his efforts fell ..... when it became clear he had no experience in looking after children.
7. It was thought Max wouldn't attend his sister's wedding ceremony, but there he was as ..... as life greeting everybody at the church door.
8. There's no need for us to clean the chimney very frequently. We only do it once in a ..... moon.
9. The garden party was cut ..... by the sudden storm that broke right after the president's speech.
10. I know their offer is excellent, but I'm still in ..... minds whether to move to Leeds or not.
11. The manager's insistence on purchasing the plant is irrational to me. He'll be throwing good money after ..... if he buys such an obsolete object.
12. It's not sensible to entrust such a demanding task to Albert. The boy is still ..... behind the ears and I'm afraid he might bungle it.
13. You look downcast, Patty. You should try to put a ..... face on your worries.
14. Couldn't we switch to another channel? I'm bored ..... watching this silly series.
15. The band manager saw ..... when it turned out that another concert had been cancelled. He was as mad as a hatter.

**I. Choose the words that best complete the sentences in the text.**

Stressful situations that ..... (1) almost everyday in life seem to be unavoidable. However, we can do little sometimes to ..... (2) a misfortune or an unpleasant occurrence which may ..... (3) us unexpectedly as only it can. At such a moment, one may hit the ..... (4), give in to the helplessness of the situation or, ideally, put a brave ..... (5) on it trying to ..... (6) the burden.

Can you ..... (7) in your mind an hour spent in a traffic jam, say, this morning? Do you light one cigarette after another? Do you sound the horn every few seconds like the other neurotics? Or do you take a different ..... (8) and make good use of the time drawing up a schedule for the days to come?

To ..... (9) the stressful moment you can also do a crossword puzzle, listen to your favourite music or even compose a menu for your Sunday dinner. In fact, whatever way you ..... (10) to the annoying situation, you can exert no impact on it as the traffic jam will only reduce in due ..... (11). Nevertheless, your reaction might considerably influence your ..... (12) for the rest of the day.

The inability to confront a stressful occurrence like that with a deal of composure and sensibility adds much more strain to your life and in this way puts your well-being in ..... (13). Surprisingly, it's the seemingly negligible hardships we ..... (14) on daily that run double the risk of developing serious health disorders rather than our isolated tragedies however painful they may be.

..... (15) that so many of those wretched stress inducing troubles affect us in a day, we should, at best, try to avoid them or possibly make radical alterations in the way we lead our daily lifestyles.

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| 1. a) devise   | b) create    | c) originate | d) emerge   |
| 2. a) ward off | b) boil down | c) stamp out | d) dawn on  |
| 3. a) arise    | b) happen    | c) befall    | d) occur    |
| 4. a) post     | b) roof      | c) bottom    | d) wall     |
| 5. a) face     | b) neck      | c) forehead  | d) fist     |
| 6. a) subsist  | b) remain    | c) cope      | d) bear     |
| 7. a) envision | b) observe   | c) picture   | d) conclude |



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|--------------------|-------------|---------------|------------------|
| 8. a) manner       | b) stance   | c) practice   | d) mode          |
| 9. a) withhold     | b) withdraw | c) wither     | d) withstand     |
| 10. a) confront    | b) deal     | c) respond    | d) challenge     |
| 11. a) term        | b) course   | c) timing     | d) period        |
| 12. a) disposition | b) disposal | c) disposure  | d) dispossession |
| 13. a) risk        | b) weakness | c) insecurity | d) jeopardy      |
| 14. a) stumble     | b) stagger  | c) stutter    | d) stump         |
| 15. a) Providing   | b) Given    | c) Hence      | d) Albeit        |

**II. Replace each italicized verb or phrase with the correct form of a synonymous phrasal verb.**

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bring to	call on	do in	drop out	give in
hang on	lay in	make off	put in	round up
see about	spring up	take up	turn in	wait on

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- How big are the profits we can expect the London branch to *produce* this year?  
.....
- I suggest we *store* more coal in case the forecasts of a long and heavy winter should come true.  
.....
- The police arrived right after they had been notified of the robbery. However, the thieves had *escaped* with their loot by that time.  
.....
- I don't remember this boy at all. I suppose he *stopped attending my lectures* right at the beginning of the course.  
.....
- Why don't we *appeal to* the management to have a serious debate with the Unions?  
.....
- 'Do you recognize the man over there at the opposite table?' 'You mean the one who is being *attended by the waitress*?'  
.....
- The autopsy revealed the man was *killed* with a knife.  
.....

8. Please keep **waiting**. You'll be connected as soon as the line is free.

9. Peter is a hard bargainer by nature. But, if you push him a little he should **surrender** to your demands.

10. Suddenly, the question of half a million dollars missing from the safe **appeared** leaving the cashiers speechless for a while.

11. How about **gathering** a few friends and helping Lucy organize the charity collection?

12. I'm having these trousers **shortened** as they are a bit too long for my size.

13. Has Danny **made all the arrangements** for the New Year's reception yet?

14. Will you accept me right away or do I have to **submit** an application form?

15. It was so stuffy in the hall that a few people lost their consciousness and the medical staff had a hard time of **reviving** them.

III. Replace each italicized phrase or adjective with a synonymous one.

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abundant	amiable	arduous	conspicuous	crucial
elaborate	formidable	indignant	inexorable	ingenious
irrevocable	mercenary	outrageous	preposterous	prevalent

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1. I admire her firmness. Once she makes a decision it's **unchangeable**.

2. It was a **very frightful** experience when we stumbled across the native tribesmen in the middle of the jungle.

3. He couldn't have had any knowledge of the subject seeing that his statements were so **unreasonable**.

4. Unless the company is privatized, it will be heading for an **unavoidable** collapse.

5. Your great success was **most evident**, but tell us Jack: how did you cope with your damaged tendon?

6. Brian was **filled with anger** when he learnt that he had lost his assets on the Stock Exchange. ....
7. I wouldn't say David was **very friendly**. Yet, he wasn't unkind, either.  
.....
8. It's hard to define the reason for his **shocking** behaviour. He might have got nervous on account of the gossips that were being told about his private life. ....
9. Hopefully, the discovery of so **rich** resources of oil in the area may contribute to lowering the petrol prices. ....
10. I'd rather we waited for Bill before we make any resolutions. He is usually full of **brilliant** ideas and he will definitely add something important to our plans.  
.....
11. Practicing the occult with its ceremonies so full of mysticism and magic is still **widespread** among certain African tribes. ....
12. Why is it so **important** for you that the plaque be fixed on the left? .....
13. He says he wants to be paid more for his **well-worked out** designs.  
.....
14. Who do you think she takes after with her **greedy** character? .....
15. I believe he's been warned pretty strongly that the assignment he is taking up is going to be very **exhausting**. ....

**IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.**

1. I tried really hard but I failed to solve the puzzle.  
**Try as** .....
2. I didn't understand much of what the man said to me. (**scarcely**)  
.....
3. All the inhabitants of the island know this place very well. (**familiar**)  
**This place** .....
4. The minister claims that another rise in food prices is possible.  
..... **cards**.
5. Her role in the plot was of secondary importance. (**second fiddle**)  
.....
6. It's not our concern what they do after lessons.  
**It is of** .....

7. You may have serious problems if you don't have any health insurance. (**bound**)  
 .....
8. There was poor attendance at the concert.  
 ..... **attended.**
9. The farmers are in a desperate need of financial backing.  
 ..... **badly.**
10. I suddenly realized I had strayed from the main route. (**dawned**)  
 It .....

**V. Choose the correct answer.**

1. It was the ..... warning from the seismologists that helped save the lives of the island inhabitants before the volcano erupted.  
 a) preliminary      b) hasty      c) cursory      d) advance
2. My grandfather bought this ..... of land here and set up a ranch which was later turned into a huge plantation by my father.  
 a) ground      b) space      c) plot      d) terrain
3. I advise you to stop giving support to the venture. To me, it looks like a lost ..... with little hope of making any advance at all.  
 a) idea      b) cause      c) point      d) goal
4. She said she was disturbed by the shadow of somebody ..... behind the trees.  
 a) luring      b) lurking      c) lurching      d) launching
5. This quiet village is ..... of the one I grew up in.  
 a) reminiscent      b) similar      c) remnant      d) identical
6. Bob was in terrible pain, but none of us knew how to ..... his suffering until the ambulance arrived.  
 a) dissolve      b) exclude      c) cease      d) relieve
7. Don't worry, you are as safe as houses here as long as you are in my good .....  
 a) graces      b) feelings      c) likes      d) regards
8. Your daughter may not do her best at mathematics or chemistry, but she definitely ..... at English literature.  
 a) improves      b) accomplishes      c) excels      d) masters

9. This wonderful sports centre ..... for almost all disciplines.  
 a) devises      b) affords      c) supplies      d) caters
10. You shouldn't have ..... in so much icecream first thing last evening.  
 This is probably why your stomach is aching.  
 a) indulged      b) consumed      c) enjoyed      d) feasted
11. It's apparent now that the domestic customers have lost their ..... in  
 the imported goods.  
 a) confidence      b) assurance      c) reliability      d) credibility
12. Samuel couldn't find any reasonable arguments to ..... his claims in  
 the court.  
 a) assure      b) enforce      c) persist      d) uphold
13. Do you think they are going to ..... any pressure on us to pay the  
 damages for the broken gate?  
 a) administer      b) implement      c) exert      d) deploy
14. They say that when you turn 40, you are over the .....  
 a) cloud      b) threshold      c) hill      d) line
15. The expectations are that most of these derelict buildings will be renovated in the  
 ..... of this year.  
 a) run      b) term      c) course      d) time
16. When everything is said and ....., we can't deny Muriel is a hard-  
 working woman.  
 a) done      b) assumed      c) claimed      d) mentioned
17. It is good that Anthony's birthday ..... with our anniversary otherwise  
 we'd have to go to the trouble of launching two parties.  
 a) corresponds      b) identifies      c) harmonizes      d) coincides
18. He's a mysterious character, indeed. It's only anybody's ..... whether  
 his intentions are good or bad.  
 a) thought      b) guess      c) clue      d) suspicion
19. The expedition cost us a lot and still we didn't succeed in ..... our  
 eyes on the Yeti.  
 a) fixing      b) laying      c) placing      d) staring
20. This new model of the spectrometre constructed by the Japanese designers is even  
 more precise than its English .....  
 a) double      b) type      c) pattern      d) counterpart

# TEST 32

## I. Write in the correct words.

Audiovisual equipment is \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ g (1) new ground in the field of outside-classroom education. Currently, students willing to \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ (2) their knowledge on a variety of subjects needn't \_ \_ v \_ \_ \_ (3) large distances to their libraries or expend much time \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ g (4) through fat volumes in search of the required information on \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (5) that they are the proud possessors of a personal computer or other audiovisual accessories.

Extreme technological \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ (6) has accelerated radical changes in the way people \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ (7) information and in the mutual relationship between humans and electronic machines. It was for the first time in the 20th century that this silicon wonder has turned into the primary \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ (8) of information rather than an auxiliary one. Optical videodiscs as well as compact discs have \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ d (9) into the most substantial mass storage media whereas satellite broadcast and optical fibre connections have made an immeasurable \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t (10) of data accessible to all the individuals capable of taking \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ \_ \_ (11) of the Internet.

The expectations are that in the future home audiovisual education will \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ (12) the conventional methods including tutors, blackboards and stuffy classrooms, which may be an encouraging piece of news to all those who tremble and sweat awaiting the school bell.

## II. Put the words in the correct form.

1. 'Don't you think there is a bit of ..... (LIKE) between these two crimes?'  
'You're right. They were both committed on Friday the 13th.'
2. Nobody urged Alice to take part in the cleanup. It was her own .....  
(VOLUNTEER) initiative.
3. How can they expect me to forgive such a faux pas? Sending me no invitation to their wedding ceremony is ..... (PARDON).
4. The distinguished old gentleman says he won't bring the case to court for having been mistakenly ..... (PRISON) during the demonstration.

5. The left-wing party seems to have gained enormous power lately. No other party will defeat them in the ..... (SEE) future.
6. Bob did try hard not to lose his ..... (COMPOSE) when the intoxicated guy challenged him in the pub.
7. 'What makes her so conceited and arrogant? Is it her affluence?'  
'I think she acts like this out of sheer ..... (VAIN).'
8. One could reason by the ..... (AFFECTION) smile on the girl's face that she loves Eric very much.
9. I'm getting fed up with her constant nagging at me. She ..... (VARY) criticizes my outfits whenever I see her in the office.
10. We have to watch that our ..... (EXPEND) don't surpass our incomes.
11. Alex should learn more before he becomes a good stockbroker. So far, his youthful ..... (RASH) has resulted in too many losses.
12. How can you explain the ..... (VALID) of your statements? There's not a grain of truth in any of them.
13. Only competitors with the best ..... (ENDURE) can be qualified for such a long race.
14. The police may be ..... (POWER) to listen in on private talks on special occasions only.
15. His childhood spent in the harsh conditions of the civil war has completely ..... (SENSE) the boy to the sight of blood and cruelty.

### III. Insert the correct prepositions.

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**AT BY FROM IN OF ON OUT TO UNDER WITHIN**

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1. It is characteristic ..... this region that the weather can change ..... minutes.
2. Martin has been ..... great demand ever since he appeared to be so skilled a guitar player. Every band in town wants to have him at their concerts.
3. She didn't do anything wrong, but ..... the same token she did nothing good.
4. 'Why didn't you answer the phone?' 'Probably, I wasn't ..... call when it rang. I must have been outside the house.'

5. What she says may sound a little irrational, still most of us agree with her ..... a large extent.
6. Never before have I felt ..... such great ease as during my holidays in the exotic surroundings.
7. 'Have you seen Alex today?' 'Yes I have. He's been ..... the lookout for his missing dog in the park.'
8. I infer ..... his response that he isn't too willing to give us his helping hand.
9. Would you mind turning the radio down a little? I'm feeling weary ..... the noise it's making.
10. Last time when I bought a TV aerial I couldn't figure ..... how to assemble the set.
11. Despite a firm ban on smoking in the office, several people found it hard to abstain ..... lighting a cigarette.
12. The contract wasn't very big, but ..... least we were paid ..... cash.
13. Hadn't Raymond come ..... the influence of such a bad company, he would never have got involved ..... wrongdoing.
14. She shouldn't be taken out to the park in summer as she is allergic ..... the tree pollen.
15. Peter's expertise in electronics is admirable. He's got all the information required ..... his fingertips.

**IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.**

1. They say about half of the staff will be made redundant.  
..... sack.
2. Mother left the room rather quickly because she didn't want to wake us up.  
**Not** .....
3. I don't know how much of that syrup she ought to be given. (**faintest idea**)  
.....
4. After his uncle's death, Lou inherited the house and the garden. (**into**)  
.....



5. Mark had to pay for repairing the CD player.

**The CD player** ..... **expense.**

6. It's possible that they haven't been notified of the changes in the timetable.

**They might** .....

7. We were surprised by the fact that no support was offered to the survivors.

**What** .....

8. It depends on her whether the costs are to be reimbursed or not. (**up**)

.....

9. Everybody is aware that the newspaper is published by the right-wing party.

**It is common** .....

10. The ballot will be carried out on condition that there are no objections from the public.

**Provided** .....

**V. Fill the gaps with the correct words.**

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<b>accord</b>	<b>bet</b>	<b>dash</b>	<b>devices</b>	<b>end</b>
<b>face</b>	<b>fingers</b>	<b>grips</b>	<b>ladder</b>	<b>odds</b>
<b>score</b>	<b>skin</b>	<b>terms</b>	<b>vent</b>	<b>water</b>

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1. We only managed to catch the bus by the ..... of our teeth. We had to run all the way to the station.

2. Old Mr O'Neill didn't take much care of his children's future. He left them all to their own .....

3. There isn't much we can do to lift ourselves from the bottom of the .....  
Our earnings are low and the taxes are heavy.

4. I wouldn't indulge in too much gambling if I were in your place. Sooner or later you'll burn your ..... at it.

5. No sooner had the guard switched on the light than he saw somebody making a ..... for the gate. But, it was too late to do anything anyway, so the culprit escaped with a haul of ten thousand pounds in gold bullion.

6. The whole story simply doesn't hold ..... It's a pack of lies.

7. 'Have you got much work this evening or can I take you to the theatre?' 'In fact, I'm at a loose ..... tonight, but I prefer the opera to the theatre.'

8. Mr Stanton has been at ..... with his wife since he admitted having had a love affair with his secretary.
9. 'Did you ask your grandfather to fix the new lock in the wardrobe door?' 'No, I didn't have to ask him to do it as he replaced the faulty lock of his own .....
10. Robbie's told me he's got a ..... to settle with Marcus. I guess it's got something to do with the fight they had last week.
11. We had no alternative but to come to ..... with the verdict and pay damages to the Browns.
12. Tommy pulled a long ..... when he was banned from watching television and playing in the backyard.
13. The technicians were hesitant to get to ..... with their duties until I offered to pay extra money for their service.
14. It's a safe ..... that he will be late again; he never comes punctually.
15. I'm telling you there's no better way to give ..... to your anger than by applying yourself to a heavy body workout in a fitness club.

**J. Choose the words that best complete the sentences in the text.**

Those who ..... (1) for a vegetarian diet must usually ..... (2) up a variety of aspects concerning the nutritional ..... (3) of vegetables and the adequacy of vegetarian meals in terms of the number of ..... (4) provided to the body. Vegetarianism is not a new concept, rather an ancient custom which evolved in the Far East cultures on ethical or religious grounds.

In today's world, it has been undertaken by many followers who for a variety of reasons believe the vegetarian diet more preferable to that containing meat. For example, there's the theory that animal meat wasn't originally a component of the staple human diet as mankind evolved from foragers who later ..... (5) a taste for flesh. Hence, our ..... (6) ancestors are alleged to have had a substantial ..... (7) of proteins and vitamins from natural vegetation rather than from the meat of hunted ..... (8). What's more, human teeth don't ..... (9) much resemblance to those of animal carnivores, and neither is our digestive system ..... (10) to the meat eaters' one.

Apart from the enforced vegetarianism of underdeveloped communities where populations deprived of animal protein ..... (11) the natural vegetation, there's a rising acceptance of the vegetarian diet which ..... (12) to be regarded as an eccentricity. .... (13) from animal food, be it for religious, economic or humanitarian reasons, has been a quickly spreading custom as, surprisingly, the vegetarian diet needn't be dull or deficient. Yet, it does involve taking good ..... (14) to supply the body with a sufficient quantity of nutrients ..... (15) from corn, seeds and cereals.

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|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. a) prefer    | b) opt        | c) select     | d) favour     |
| 2. a) judge     | b) weigh      | c) confer     | d) survey     |
| 3. a) profit    | b) rate       | c) value      | d) esteem     |
| 4. a) nutrients | b) foods      | c) cuisines   | d) condiments |
| 5. a) generated | b) acquired   | c) instituted | d) accustomed |
| 6. a) primeval  | b) antiquated | c) archaic    | d) obsolete   |
| 7. a) output    | b) offset     | c) upturn     | d) intake     |
| 8. a) load      | b) game       | c) toll       | d) beat       |

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| 9. a) infer         | b) assume      | c) bear         | d) pertain      |
| 10. a) equivalent   | b) reminiscent | c) evocative    | d) synonymous   |
| 11. a) play down on | b) come in for | c) fall back on | d) get on for   |
| 12. a) terminates   | b) ceases      | c) concludes    | d) finishes     |
| 13. a) Resistance   | b) Defiance    | c) Hindrance    | d) Abstention   |
| 14. a) precautions  | b) resolutions | c) proceeds     | d) measurements |
| 15. a) comprising   | b) deriving    | c) procuring    | d) providing    |

**II. Put the words in the correct form.**

- Amanda's father works as a general ..... (PRACTICE) in the Harnsworth hospital.
- ..... (PREVENT) measures should be taken to provide maximum security to the heads of state arriving for the summit meeting on Sunday.
- The deficiency of vitamins during the pregnancy period may lead to serious ..... (FORM) of the infant's body.
- He says he had no intention of hurting me, but I'm sure he hit me ..... (PURPOSE).
- Stop ..... (FANTASY) about being rich and get down to some serious work.
- The specialists have been busy working out the new technologies of water ..... (PURE) which will be more efficient and less time consuming.
- Dozens of automobiles have been ..... (MOBILE) en route to Salisbury because of the heavy snowstorm.
- Many years had gone by until the Africans captured by the English colonizers managed to break free from ..... (SERVE) to their masters.
- The strict principles of free market have brought about a complete ..... (COMMERCE) of life even in the most conservative societies.
- I understand you don't like aunt Pamela, but you shouldn't be so ..... (DIFFER) to her polite questions.
- Irregular meals can surely lead to chronic ..... (DIGEST) or even stomach ulcers.
- There has been a long-standing ..... (RIVAL) between Mr Gore and his brother-in-law about superiority in the family business.

13. The spokesman's answers were more than ..... (EVADE) . He didn't even explain the cause of the dissolution of the government.
14. The officers preferred to keep the infuriated man in ..... (DETAIN) until he calmed down.
15. Aren't you going to attend the conference? What if some ..... (MOMENT) decisions are taken without your contribution?

III. Add the suitable verbs to make the correct phrasal verbs.

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bring	book	get	go	jot
jump	lag	own	root	see
set	string	strip	turn	wear

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1. I was promised a good job from June, but it's August now and I'm afraid they are just ..... **me along**.
2. The chief receptionist says that all the rooms in the hotel have been ..... **up** by the conference participants and there will be no vacancies until next Monday.
3. My purse has just ..... **up** behind the sofa even though I thought I'd lost it for good.
4. It was Tony who would always ..... **behind** the rest of the party. He would stop at every window display and gaze for hours.
5. He's a nature enthusiast and he will certainly ..... **at** the opportunity of visiting the wildlife reserve in Ohio.
6. It is said that the corruption can hardly be ..... **out** especially among top officials.
7. Her bad mood ..... **off** immediately she saw her dear cat back.
8. In spite of our most humble requests, we were ..... **of** all our valuables by the merciless robbers.
9. Keep talking while I ..... **down** my notes.
10. Unless your wife stops leading her extravagant lifestyle, you won't ..... **by** on the poor salary you obtain.
11. This year the crop failure was ..... **on** by the torrential rains.
12. The first impression he had made was of a resolute man and that's why I couldn't believe he had ..... **back on** his promises out of sheer irresponsibility.

13. The teacher asked who had broken the window, but none of the boys would  
 ..... **up to it**.
14. Mr Johnson planned to have his house finished by April and he didn't expect that the  
 legal procedures would ..... **back** the construction work until  
 December.
15. He probably wanted to leave me penniless, but I ..... **through** him  
 and managed to avert this course of action.

**IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.**

1. What right have you got to give me orders?  
 ..... **about?**
2. Should you come across the missing files, let me know at once, please. (**happen**)  
 .....
3. The direct aim of the statement is to make the public aware of the present situation.  
**The statement boils** .....
4. Sally distrusts modern technology strongly.  
**Sally has** .....
5. He will have to spend seven years in prison. (**sentenced**)  
 .....
6. We were all convinced Tom would succeed in passing his final exams. (**confidence**)  
 .....
7. Julia won't speak to the boy first as she is too shy.  
**Being** .....
8. Michael painted his last picture three years ago.  
**It was** .....
9. My precious life was saved by the lifeguard.  
**I owe** .....
10. We have a debt of gratitude to pay to all those who gave us their support. (**indebted**)  
 .....

**v. Choose the correct answer.**

1. Frank said his brand new Ferrari could do 250 kph and Tony, not to be ..... , claimed his Porsche could drive at 300 kph.  
a) overridden      b) outdone      c) downgraded      d) outspoken
2. The comforting news from my sister was a real ..... off my mind.  
a) stone      b) deal      c) load      d) mass
3. Our company was ..... for twenty thousand pounds by a rival on the grounds of an alleged duplicating of their produce.  
a) sued      b) sentenced      c) accused      d) tried
4. The protesters occupying the streets have ..... the traffic in the centre of the city.  
a) dispelled      b) dislocated      c) disturbed      d) disrupted
5. The number of the victims of the plane crash has been ..... at 53.  
a) amounted      b) counted      c) estimated      d) scored
6. He was claimed to be an unskilled writer, but his latest works have definitely ..... witness to his great talent.  
a) constituted      b) borne      c) dealt      d) displayed
7. Judging by the casual clothes he is wearing, he doesn't ..... much significance to being elegant at work.  
a) devote      b) assign      c) entrust      d) attach
8. Has anyone managed to ..... the meaning of the declaration?  
a) seize      b) snatch      c) grip      d) grasp
9. About two hundred illegal immigrants have been ..... from the country this year.  
a) expelled      b) enforced      c) evicted      d) expired
10. Any further details of the language course will be sent on ..... to all our subscribers.  
a) request      b) appeal      c) plea      d) wish
11. Albert was praised for having ..... with his research work in spite of terrible difficulties.  
a) insisted      b) lasted      c) sustained      d) persevered
12. Since the new machinery was purchased in 2001, the old type has fallen into .....  
a) decrepit      b) damage      c) disfunction      d) disuse

13. It has never ..... my mind that Jane might be a notorious liar.  
a) passed      b) entered      c) crossed      d) reached
14. It's obvious each of us would like to have their ..... in such an important question as the company privatization.  
a) talk      b) word      c) claim      d) say
15. She says she's been on a diet for so long that she's enormously ..... of any kind of sweets.  
a) wishful      b) desirous      c) tasty      d) requisite
16. .... smart he was, he couldn't figure out how to solve the puzzle.  
a) Although      b) However      c) Much as      d) Despite
17. The fire that broke out in the opera house has dealt a severe ..... to the performance of *The Figaro*, which was due next month.  
a) blow      b) failure      c) hitch      d) drawback
18. It required a harsh reprimand to ..... Joshua from leaving the camp at night again.  
a) detain      b) defy      c) deter      d) deprive
19. Has it been decided who is going to ..... the orchestra yet?  
a) govern      b) handle      c) guide      d) conduct
20. Will it make any ..... to them if we deliver their equipment tomorrow?  
a) difference      b) alteration      c) conflict      d) displeasure



## TEST 34

### I. Choose the words that best complete the sentences in the text.

Very few of us would ..... (1) putting much trust in horoscopes and the fact that the movements of astronomical bodies ..... (2) to earthly occurrences affecting peoples' everyday lives.

We all know about the zodiac signs which reflect the position of the sun, the moon and the planets at the moment of a man's birth and about the peculiar characteristics ..... (3) to them by astrologers. We say we will take these phenomena with a ..... (4) of salt while we keep ..... (5) our eyes over them in every tabloid we ..... (6) our hands on. Most frequently, we expect horoscopes to ..... (7) the future, to ..... (8) our optimistic mood with a piece of comforting information or to ..... (9) our ego by confirming the superlative features that we tend to attribute to our zodiacs.

However, there's no scientific evidence to ..... (10) the assumption that human existence is so closely ..... (11) with the parametres of the celestial bodies. Our curiosity in horoscopes may, then, ..... (12) our sheer fascination with the unexplained or the unpredictable as well as in the enticing insight into the future that the horoscopes offer, thus establishing the sense of our ..... (13) an extreme power over our own lives. An additional explanation is that humans tend to have a soft ..... (14) for any form of flattery, which is the fact to which astrologers and the horoscope writers seem to ..... (15) the greatest deal of weight.

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|------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1. a) ensure     | b) grant      | c) state        | d) admit    |
| 2. a) rely       | b) correspond | c) match        | d) compare  |
| 3. a) identified | b) associated | c) incorporated | d) ascribed |
| 4. a) speck      | b) pinch      | c) grain        | d) scrap    |
| 5. a) running    | b) sending    | c) fixing       | d) putting  |
| 6. a) settle     | b) draw       | c) grab         | d) lay      |
| 7. a) notify     | b) predict    | c) acquaint     | d) convey   |
| 8. a) restore    | b) adjust     | c) upgrade      | d) reassure |
| 9. a) boost      | b) escalate   | c) revitalize   | d) improve  |
| 10. a) conclude  | b) concede    | c) corroborate  | d) confound |

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|------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| 11. a) fused     | b) adhered  | c) coalesced | d) intertwined |
| 12. a) stem      | b) crop     | c) rear      | d) dawn        |
| 13. a) disposing | b) wielding | c) effecting | d) committing  |
| 14. a) pit       | b) dot      | c) spot      | d) nick        |
| 15. a) instil    | b) consign  | c) fasten    | d) attach      |

**II. Put the words in the correct form.**

- Substantial damages will be paid to the ..... (ABLE) who suffered from the worst injuries during the war.
- Alan never stops laughing and it's great fun to be in his company simply for his ..... (FAIL) sense of humour.
- What's your ..... (POINT) on whaling? Do you think it should be banned at all?
- Jim's really gone to the dogs. He looks shabby and his ..... (SOBER) usually leaves much to be desired.
- I wouldn't go so far as to punish them. By and large, their behaviour wasn't that ..... (OBJECT).
- Fred hopes his paintings will ..... (MORTAL) his fame. So far, he's painted about two hundred as he believes they will also ensure his popularity.
- Her ..... (COWARD) is unbearable, indeed. She wouldn't even say boo to a goose.
- My grandfather's great ..... (INVENT) is a feature to be jealous of. This week he has completed a new model of a peeling device.
- First, they threw bottles at the police wagon and then beat the police officers with wooden clubs. .... (SANE) like this unquestionably calls for severe consequences.
- Nothing else interests him so much as his future promotion. He's been ..... (OCCUPY) with it since he was told he might take over the chairman's seat.
- The nuclear tests were carried out in this area for twelve years, but it will certainly remain ..... (INHABIT) for dozens more because of the high radiation.
- There's no excuse for your idleness. You'd better admit your ..... (WILL) to do any kind of job instead of pretending to be a dedicated worker.

13. How much longer are we supposed to wait before they ..... (KNOW) the receipt of our mail? Is it possible that they haven't received it as yet?
14. It soon turned out that the similarity between the two testimonies was only ..... (CIRCUMSTANCE) and that the two cases had nothing in common.
15. 'Which of your successes do you consider the most ..... (REMARK)?' 'Well, for me the construction of the Rockwell tower was the most outstanding one.'

### III. Insert the correct prepositions.

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**AT BEYOND BY FOR IN OF ON TO WITH WITHIN**

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1. She may seem to be crazy about fashion, but she certainly knows what is ..... vogue.
2. The doctors don't give him much chance of surviving. In a word, his life is ..... the line.
3. I have been using her computer ever since she placed it ..... my disposal.
4. You do sound foolish ..... times, but your jokes may be tolerated as long as they are ..... reason.
5. According to the barrister, Adam may be detained ..... virtue of the suspicious testimony he gave in the court.
6. Do you think the director was ..... earnest offering us an apartment in his hotel for free?
7. Mrs Black has promised to be ..... service on Monday. I hope she keeps her word or else I won't manage to prepare everything in time.
8. I'm really sorry I cannot lend you a single pound. I'm pinched ..... money myself these days.
9. It's rather ..... my comprehension how they have succeeded in growing fruit trees on this barren soil.
10. We did our utmost to save the plants from being destroyed by the hail, but all that was ..... vain anyway.
11. Mrs Wright has no problems with her children; they are usually very attentive ..... her and offer any help they can.

12. Willy was so engrossed ..... his reading that he didn't even hear the doorbell ringing.
13. The rescue brigade will be ..... standby in case something unusual should happen.
14. The general's strategy isn't by any means consistent ..... our aim of averting an open conflict.
15. 'Is the place that they inhabit ..... easy reach?'  
'On the contrary, they live at the back of .....

**IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.**

1. How much money does he make a month?  
..... **income?**
2. Have you got William Wharton's latest book? (**possession**)  
.....?
3. Did Celia intend to invite her landlord to dinner? (**an intention**)  
.....?
4. As far as I know, the building was set on fire deliberately.  
**To the best** .....
5. Everybody was honoured by the boss with the exception of one clerk.  
**All but** .....
6. His mother claims that he can easily be infected with flu. (**susceptible**)  
.....
7. Who was driving the car when the collision occurred? (**the wheel**)  
.....?
8. I think those tools may prove useful. (**come**)  
..... **handy.**
9. It seems unbelievable, but he's learned that long poem by heart.  
**Unbelievable** .....
10. It doesn't matter how much you offer to pay, he'll never sell the family memorabilia.  
**However** .....

V. Fill the gaps with the correct words.

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arrears	belt	chalk	dint	jump
limb	line	miss	nick	quandary
ranks	sleeve	storm	track	whim

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1. It didn't look like the weather was going to improve, so we were in a ..... about whether to go surfing or stay in the club.
2. The sergeant ordered his unit to keep ..... until he came back from the mess.
3. You will be for the high ..... if your mother discovers you have played truant on so many occasions.
4. His accusations were a bit below the ..... How could he have done it to me in front of my superiors?
5. I seemed to be out on a ..... during the discussion; nobody, even Caroline, appeared to support my point of view.
6. He only managed to stay alive by ..... of good luck when the huge rock fell onto him.
7. There were a few orders that I hadn't fulfilled before I was taken to hospital, so when I came back to the office, I was a bit in ..... with my work.
8. I can tolerate your tricks, but you'd better draw the ..... at them when Mr Candy takes over.
9. Although we usually spend New Year's Eve in Vienna, we've decided to give it a ..... this year and stay at home.
10. You are certain to spoil the child if you keep indulging his every .....
11. The young violinist's performance must have taken the audience by ..... considering that she's been asked to give another concert tomorrow.
12. The accident in the chemical laboratory wasn't Arthur's fault, not by a long ..... Somebody else caused it.
13. Inform me please about the present situation. I've lost ..... of it since I left for Canada.
14. The child ran into the road and the driver only managed to step on his brakes in the ..... of time to avert a tragedy.
15. The accused politician has been rather restrained in his comments so far, but I'm sure he keeps something up his .....

## I. Replace each italicized word with a synonymous one.

Every now and then we hear someone claiming to be *psychic* (1) or to experience precognitive dreams or to have *premonitions* (2) about imminent *misfortunes* (3). Sometimes, we meet people who have participated in spiritualistic seances where they have *witnessed* (4) miraculous parapsychological occurrences or listened to mediums making their *pessimistic* (5) prophecies about the future or even using their second sight for *reviving* (6) past *memories* (7).

Parapsychology or extrasensory perception which includes such phenomena as psychokinesis, clairvoyance and out-of-body experiences is fiercely *disparaged* (8) by its opponents finding no scrap of evidence for the reliability of performances like foreseeing future events or *passing* (9) messages without any use of the sensory means, namely, by telepathy. Nevertheless, the acquisition of information by use of nonsensory channels can sometimes be of great advantage to those who aspire at *solving* (10) the most enigmatic questions like the mysterious cases of crime or missing individuals. Although officially the police deny having *resort* (11) to parapsychology, they do benefit from its vast potential whenever any *clear* (12) evidence is *diminishing* (13). The psychics are then *employed* (14) with the hope that their original practices will throw new light on many cases.

Despite the growing interest in extrasensory perception and its possible applications, conventional scientists disregard it as highly *uncertain* (15).

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|----------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1. a) clairvoyant    | b) supernatural | c) extraordinary | d) subconscious  |
| 2. a) judgements     | b) forebodings  | c) indictments   | d) implications  |
| 3. a) discrepancies  | b) qualms       | c) turmoils      | d) adversities   |
| 4. a) beheld         | b) overlooked   | c) visualized    | d) partaken      |
| 5. a) sordid         | b) weird        | c) gloomy        | d) palpable      |
| 6. a) invigorating   | b) rejuvenating | c) animating     | d) resuscitating |
| 7. a) remembrances   | b) memorabilia  | c) reminders     | d) memorials     |
| 8. a) dispelled      | b) deprecated   | c) deferred      | d) dispensed     |
| 9. a) releasing      | b) emanating    | c) transmitting  | d) dissenting    |
| 10. a) disentangling | b) renouncing   | c) exploring     | d) detecting     |
| 11. a) support       | b) aid          | c) plea          | d) recourse      |

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|----------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 12. a) candid        | b) tangible    | c) credulous   | d) utilitarian  |
| 13. a) falling short | b) laying bare | c) running low | d) coming clean |
| 14. a) taken on      | b) laid up     | c) put about   | d) made for     |
| 15. a) benevolent    | b) obscure     | c) incongruous | d) irrefutable  |

**II. Replace each italicized verb or phrase with the correct form of a synonymous phrasal verb.**

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bring in	come by	come up to	drive at	drop off
go about	hang out	leave off	pull off	run out
set forth	take in	throw up	tip off	touch on

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- We have no more petrol in the tank. It has *been used up* unusually quickly.  
.....
- They *spend a lot of time* in my pub, so I know their names by heart.  
.....
- This is a small hotel and it can only *provide accommodation for* fifty guests.  
.....
- I have told him a thousand times to *stop* taking the painkillers and visit a doctor.  
.....
- It's no good *beginning a journey* until all the necessary arrangements are made complete.  
.....
- By next year, several new bills will have been *introduced* to make crime prevention more feasible.  
.....
- I was to have collected the children from the nursery at 3 o'clock, but I *fell asleep* in my armchair and didn't wake up until my wife returned from work.  
.....
- Were these photographs easy to *obtain* or did you have to stick out your neck to get them?  
.....
- The quality of the device does *match* my expectations, but the problem is that I cannot stand the harsh sound it makes.  
.....

10. Mary's been suffering from a severe poisoning. Her temperature is very high and she's *vomiting* every twenty minutes.  
.....
11. I hadn't got a clue how to *cope with* the exercise and had to have recourse to the answer key.  
.....
12. The most difficult assignment that our unit has ever been given was the rescue action at Heathrow. We *completed it successfully*, yet quite a few of us came to a serious bodily harm.  
.....
13. We've only managed to *mention* your question *briefly* as the whole meeting was only devoted to the outbreak of the jaundice epidemic in Cairo.  
.....
14. He said I needn't make so much fuss, but I don't quite understand what he was really *suggesting*.  
.....
15. 'How could he know we were going to arrest him?' 'Someone must have *warned him in advance*.'  
.....

III. Replace each italicized phrase or adjective with a synonymous one.

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<b>ambiguous</b>	<b>astounding</b>	<b>benign</b>	<b>bizarre</b>	<b>boisterous</b>
<b>bossy</b>	<b>cumbersome</b>	<b>frugal</b>	<b>obnoxious</b>	<b>pivotal</b>
<b>plausible</b>	<b>precarious</b>	<b>shrewd</b>	<b>strenuous</b>	<b>viable</b>

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1. How about asking for more assistance seeing that our position is becoming *insecure*? .....
2. We have left our rucksacks in the left luggage office because carrying them around the city would be a little *awkward*. .....
3. It sounds very *reasonable* what they suggest, but how shall we put it into operation?  
.....
4. The smell in the shanty district was *horribly unpleasant*. No wonder that none of the reporters would volunteer for carrying out the series of interviews in the area.  
.....



5. Several complaints from the residents have been sent to the police department about the youths' **rough and noisy** behaviour in the streets. ....
6. It's not a matter of being stingy, she is very **economical** with her expenses.  
.....
7. I remember the corporal as very demanding. The assignments he used to give us were usually quite **exhausting**. ....
8. Forget about the other instructions for the time being. The **essential** thing is that we must get ready with the rally by tomorrow. ....
9. The response that we have been given to our inquiry is rather **unclear**. I wonder if they aim at cheating on us or if they are in the dark themselves. ....
10. Thomas' **domineering** manner doesn't appeal to anyone in the bureau. But little can be done about it as long as his father is in authority here. ....
11. Please excuse my criticism, but your scheme isn't **possible to operate** in these conditions. ....
12. At first, the boy's interest in the extraterrestrial seemed **unusually eccentric**. Yet, he only needed to make his first discovery to convince everybody that he was serious.  
.....
13. Sarah's lucky to have Albert. His **most gentle** nature is one to be fond of.  
.....
14. This problem is too tricky for us to cope on our own. I'd rather we asked Mr Turner for advice; he's so **smart** that he'll certainly know how to tackle it. ....
15. You'll never believe the **surprising** news I'm going to tell you. Your neighbour has been appointed a minister! .....

**IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.**

1. When did the patient regain consciousness?  
..... **round?**
2. I won't fry the fish until they are scaled.  
**Only when** .....
3. They seemed to have been frightened by someone.  
**It looked** .....
4. Even big quantities of vegetables aren't harmful to your health. (**do**)  
.....

5. We shouldn't have wasted so much time waiting for the film star to turn up. (**worth**)  
**It** .....
6. If a fire breaks out, the emergency exit should be used. (**the event**)  
 .....
7. The passengers were not allowed to smoke cigarettes during the flight. (**refrain**)  
 .....
8. The handling of the matter has been heavily criticized by the press. (**scorn**)  
**The press** .....
9. Brian must do exercise to strengthen his back after the surgery. (**compulsory**)  
**it** .....
10. When will the resolutions that we have taken be implemented? (**put**)  
 ..... practice?

**V. Choose the correct answer.**

1. The first amusement park in our city was a ..... succes for its owners.  
 Everybody would go there to have a good time.  
 a) cracking      b) ringing      c) sparking      d) roaring
2. 'Why haven't you sent the letter to uncle Jerry?' 'Oh, I'm so sorry, I .....  
 forgot to do it yesterday.'  
 a) clean      b) barely      c) fair      d) only
3. I'd opt for a glass of mineral water just to ..... my thirst.  
 a) quit      b) quench      c) quiver      d) quieten
4. The serum couldn't be ..... on the spot as the first aid kit lacked  
 needles.  
 a) served      b) catered      c) distributed      d) injected
5. So many good solutions to the question have been submitted that the committee have  
 had a hard time of deciding which one to .....  
 a) adapt      b) adorn      c) adept      d) adopt
6. The pursuit of the escaped prisoner was futile. The criminal knew well how to  
 ..... the police.  
 a) elude      b) derail      c) retract      d) distort
7. You needn't treat us to anything, we won't stay long for it's only a .....  
 visit.  
 a) minute      b) flying      c) small      d) speedy

8. My tooth isn't aching at the moment, but the unpleasant feeling of stiffness still ..... on in my mouth.  
a) remains      b) lingers      c) continues      d) lasts
9. Burt knows his chances against the better skilled opponents are slim, but he is too much of a competitor to give up making at least a ..... at it.  
a) stake      b) start      c) stab      d) stack
10. Mrs Jackson was on the point of going out of her apartment when she was ..... short by a phone call from her husband.  
a) caught      b) halted      c) brought      d) stopped
11. 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
12. The boss is leaving for America for a month or two and the major question now is who is going to ..... for him.  
a) exchange      b) replace      c) deputize      d) perform
13. Wait a minute, there is an answer from the Federal Bureau with ..... to your previous inquiry.  
a) consideration      b) reflection      c) attention      d) regard
14. Don't forget to leave your ..... address in case we have to send your mail to the new place.  
a) pursuing      b) forwarding      c) advancing      d) following
15. If the man fails to repair the faulty wiring, we could borrow a candle from the neighbours as a last .....  
a) resort      b) rescue      c) resource      d) recourse
16. She did smile at me several times, but I felt too ..... to ask for a date.  
a) prevented      b) hindered      c) inhibited      d) deterred
17. We have been running ..... of fresh water, so be careful not to use it up completely before we get to another village.  
a) short      b) low      c) scarce      d) limit
18. His chronic fits do ..... a problem to us as we have to be on the alert all the time and apply his medicine whenever he needs it.  
a) exhibit      b) stage      c) pose      d) bid
19. This position may be very prestigious, but it's also very responsible. Mind that you can ..... to any occasion to prove that you really deserve it.  
a) assume      b) rise      c) conform      d) endeavour
20. The way he acted took us by surprise. All he did was at complete ..... with his former scenario.  
a) disagreement      b) incompatibility      c) discrepancy      d) variance

## TEST 36

### I. Write in the correct words.

Didn't you dream of having a dog or any other \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (1) animal as a child? Didn't your parents try to convince you how much \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ (2) living pets require to feel healthy and secure in a family? Are you a parent yourself now? How do you \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ d (3) to your kids' constant begging for a pet? Of course, you may consider purchasing a hamster or a turtle a matter of \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ g (4) your children's every whim, but just think about the more utilitarian purpose that your pets may \_ \_ \_ v \_ (5).

Apart from being lovable little friends, pet animals, \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ y (6) dogs, may act as houseguards scaring away any intruders or \_ l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ g (7) its owners about potential danger. Cats are common vermin eaters while horses provide an alternative \_ \_ \_ \_ s (8) of transport.

A huge variety of animals are kept in houses for emotional reasons. Birds' soft singing can help \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ (9) tension, the majestic movements of colourful exotic fish are \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ (10) for their tranquilizing effect, too, and stroking an animal's hair is scientifically proven to act as an \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ (11) for stress.

Are you still in two \_ \_ n \_ \_ (12) whether to visit the nearest pet shop and fulfil your kids' requests? Or perhaps, you should go to the local animal shelter to find out if you can offer some affection to a lone caged pet that will otherwise be destroyed.

### II. Put the words in the correct form.

1. The mail which is marked ..... (CONFIDE) can be opened by nobody else but the commander-in-chief.
2. What are the latest ..... (FIND) of your research? Have you come across any vital data?
3. There's little hope that Maurice's behaviour will ever improve. It will probably remain so ..... (CORRECT) till he grows up.
4. 'What ..... (FURY) your father so much last night?' 'Well, it was Pamela who didn't return home until 3 a.m.'

5. A few gold necklaces and other ..... (VALUE) have been stolen from Mrs Linton during the flight to Boston.
6. The idea of a rebellion originated in the ..... (SLAVE) period, but it was only feasible after the civil war.
7. It's a popular ..... (CONCEIVE) that snakes are slippery. In reality, their skin isn't covered with any fluid.
8. Although no landing on Mars has been possible so far, it's widely known that its natural ..... (SOURCE) can match those on earth.
9. Sammy is going to be very ..... (ILLUSION) when you tell him he hasn't been accepted by the Police Academy.
10. Only when I completed reading the autobiographical novel did I get the true ..... (SEE) into the writer's complex nature.
11. The evidence shows that the man is ..... (PRESUME) a murderer, but the final verdict will only be given after the trial.
12. At one moment, the police were powerless in the face of the ..... (CONTROL) mob who were devastating the streets and looting the shops around.
13. I felt the temptation of lighting a cigarette was getting more and more ..... (RESIST), so I immediately threw the last packet into the fire.
14. My grandfather's ..... (DESCEND) purchased the manor house in the 18th century. Later, it was turned into a local hospital and now there's a primary school in the building.
15. Who would have believed that their casual acquaintanceship would develop into such a strong ..... (ATTACH)?

### iii. Insert the correct prepositions.

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**AT    BY    FROM    IN    INTO    OFF    ON    UNDER    UP**

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1. It's almost impossible to specify how many fake banknotes are currently ..... circulation.
2. The prime minister's proposal was accepted ..... the nod by most of the Members of Parliament.
3. Come later, please. My husband doesn't like to be disturbed while he's ..... work on his new designs.

4. Don't worry about the illegibility of that report. It's been written .....  
rough and I'm going to have it rewritten clean by the secretary.
5. The new chemistry teacher may be younger and less strict, but .....  
balance I prefer the inspiring lectures of Mrs Huckleby.
6. Tony objected to telling us where he'd hidden his sister's diary and we had to exact the  
truth ..... him ..... threats.
7. I've been given seven days off during which I'm going to renovate my apartment.  
In fact, ..... a pinch, three days would be enough to do everything.
8. We are able to present the latest film by Steven Spielberg only .....  
courtesy of the Film Academy.
9. Teaching him algebra will require explaining everything at least twice. He's rather slow  
..... the mark when mathematics is the matter.
10. You'd better be ..... your toes all day round in case a new alarm is  
raised.
11. Promise him extra allowances, that should get him ..... his stride with  
the cleaning work.
12. Look at Paul! He's dressed ..... to the nines today. Is he getting  
married or what?
13. No definite decision has been reached as yet. The whole case is still  
..... examination.
14. Will the new law have to be approved by the Queen before it is put  
..... operation?
15. 'Why does he look so depressed?' 'He must be ..... his wits end  
because of his wife's illness, I suppose.'

**IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.**

1. We regret to inform you that there is no more demand for your products.  
**Much to** .....
2. Hardly anyone could understand the lecture. (**comprehensible**)  
.....
3. The best way to make them work hard is to promise them a reward.  
**Promise** .....

4. Mark is a passionate skier and he also takes part in skateboarding tournaments.

**Apart from** .....

5. Ann paints her landscapes with great pleasure.

**Ann takes** .....

6. I didn't really know whether to accept their engagement or not. (**mixed feelings**)

.....

7. You are allowed to play in my garden if you promise not to do anything wrong.

**So long** .....

8. As there are no more questions, I think we can end the meeting.

**There** .....

9. It was a nice party when you take everything into consideration.

**All things** .....

10. Since she met that boy, she's been thinking only about him. (**wrapped**)

.....

**V. Write the words in the right phrases in the sentences.**

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alone	black	blind	blue	clear
foreign	hollow	narrow	open	silver
stiff	strong	thin	tight	wrong

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1. Betty has always stood by me. We have been together through thick and

.....

2. I'm not taking part in the quiz. History isn't my ..... suit at all.

3. You did have a(n) ..... escape when the tree fell down right in front of your car.

4. It's quite uncanny to me how she managed to keep a(n) ..... upper lip when she was told about the failure.

5. She comes from ..... parts and therefore she speaks a different language.

6. The visitors were warned to steer ..... of the districts where robberies and assaults were rife.

7. My bills are overdue and all my money's gone. I'm really in a(n) .....  
corner these days.
8. The news of the plane crash came as a bolt from the ..... to all of us,  
especially because our relatives were on board.
9. Somehow, we couldn't agree with one another and decided to separate and go it  
..... .
10. He's never been sympathetic towards us. That's why I think even his best wishes to us  
always ring ..... .
11. You'll be barking up the ..... tree if you try to pick up Lucy. She simply  
doesn't like you.
12. Since the value of my stocks went up, I have been in the ..... again.
13. Ask him any question concerning politics and you'll find out he's got  
a ..... spot about it. He doesn't even know the names of the most  
important politicians in the country.
14. Please, avoid jumping to conclusions and keep a(n) ..... mind until  
you have got to know all the facts.
15. He's never had to worry about his social status. He was born with a(n)  
..... spoon in his mouth.



# **ANSWER KEY**



## TEST 1

- I.
- |      |       |       |
|------|-------|-------|
| 1. c | 6. c  | 11. c |
| 2. b | 7. d  | 12. d |
| 3. a | 8. b  | 13. d |
| 4. d | 9. d  | 14. a |
| 5. a | 10. a | 15. c |

- II.
- |                          |                |                |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. difference            | 6. solution    | 11. hazardous  |
| 2. behaviour             | 7. division    | 12. confidence |
| 3. practicable/practical | 8. fashionable | 13. length     |
| 4. troublesome           | 9. disapproval | 14. doubtful   |
| 5. truthful              | 10. friendship | 15. meaning    |

- III.
- |       |       |              |            |                 |
|-------|-------|--------------|------------|-----------------|
| 1. of | 4. at | 7. at / with | 10. in     | 13. on          |
| 2. by | 5. in | 8. from      | 11. by, in | 14. with        |
| 3. on | 6. in | 9. for       | 12. of     | 15. in, between |

- IV.
1. It couldn't have been Tom that you saw in the department store, for sure.
  2. We had to call the doctor because of the baby's high temperature.
  3. You had better not tell anybody about the discovery.
  4. The boys made fun of the man in spite of his old age.
  5. Help yourselves to any food you like.
  6. What made him resign?
  7. Did the children have a good time during the performance?
  8. We haven't heard from him since March.
  9. There is no need for you to worry about the future.
  10. Every student was awarded a diploma.

- V.
- |      |       |       |       |
|------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. a | 6. a  | 11. c | 16. c |
| 2. c | 7. d  | 12. d | 17. b |
| 3. d | 8. b  | 13. a | 18. b |
| 4. b | 9. a  | 14. b | 19. d |
| 5. c | 10. b | 15. a | 20. c |

## TEST 2

- I.
- |      |      |      |       |       |
|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| 1. c | 4. c | 7. a | 10. b | 13. c |
| 2. a | 5. a | 8. c | 11. d | 14. a |
| 3. d | 6. b | 9. a | 12. b | 15. c |

- II.
- |                 |                 |                  |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. attendance   | 6. irrelevant   | 11. (in)valuable |
| 2. lasting      | 7. sufficient   | 12. pointless    |
| 3. advantageous | 8. Disobedience | 13. excitement   |
| 4. destruction  | 9. invention    | 14. pleasure     |
| 5. growth       | 10. standing    | 15. possession   |

- III.
- |            |            |            |
|------------|------------|------------|
| 1. dropped | 6. went    | 11. throw  |
| 2. work    | 7. lie     | 12. turned |
| 3. put     | 8. settled | 13. came   |
| 4. broken  | 9. jump    | 14. ticked |
| 5. do      | 10. takes  | 15. get    |

- IV.
1. Does this Rolls Royce belong to your uncle?
  2. Having introduced my guests to each other, I made a long speech on the current changes in the computer technologies.
  3. I wish they had told us they were going to sell their house.
  4. George won't lend his tape recorder to you unless you promise to bring it back by Saturday.
  5. Jerry could hardly solve the riddle.
  6. Our representatives have been critical of the new concept.
  7. It doesn't matter whether they paint the board white or yellow.
  8. The new prime minister has been appointed at last.
  9. The last time I visited Oslo was in 1998.
  10. Mrs Arnold will look after our cat while we are away.

- V.
- |          |          |             |
|----------|----------|-------------|
| 1. age   | 6. sight | 11. average |
| 2. fault | 7. sale  | 12. point   |
| 3. order | 8. rash  | 13. dogs    |
| 4. lead  | 9. luck  | 14. pride   |
| 5. dot   | 10. hand | 15. chimney |

### TEST 3

- I.
- |      |      |      |       |       |
|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| 1. d | 4. b | 7. a | 10. d | 13. a |
| 2. c | 5. c | 8. b | 11. c | 14. d |
| 3. a | 6. d | 9. c | 12. b | 15. c |

- II.
1. Stop telling me about this tournament. I **don't care about** it.
  2. We have decided to **do up** our sitting room in August.
  3. Martin's condition was rather bad, but after a series of antibiotic injections he **got over** his illness.
  4. Unfortunately, our secret plans had been **given away** by someone before we managed to put them into practice.

5. The switchboard operator told me to **hold on** before she made the connection.
6. The inscription on the label was written in such a small print that I could hardly **make it out**.
7. Mr Blackley will **take over**.
8. At first, they seemed to be amazed at Peter's offer of two thousand pounds, but in the end, they **turned it down**.
9. It's essential that you **hand in** the documents in person by Thursday.
10. Alice is going to **put in for** the job of a sales assistant in Newcastle.
11. A lorry **ran into** a tractor and the both drivers were slightly wounded.
12. The guide advised us to **wrap up** as cold weather was forecast.
13. Around midday, it started to rain heavily and the hikers had to wait for about half an hour before **setting off**.
14. He **stands out** even in a large crowd because of his great height.
15. Making any unauthorised alterations may **bring about** a failure of the machine.

- III.
- |              |                 |               |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. judicious | 6. precise      | 11. desperate |
| 2. graceful  | 7. horrible     | 12. absorbing |
| 3. ordinary  | 8. praiseworthy | 13. idle      |
| 4. genuine   | 9. innocent     | 14. fatal     |
| 5. painful   | 10. puzzled     | 15. mean      |

- IV.
1. I'm not in the habit of sleeping after work.
  2. Little Tommy was looking forward to Christmas.
  3. The young clerk was not capable of dealing with this complicated matter.
  4. Besides being a good sprinter, Alan is also a skilled jumper.
  5. Several workers (were) opposed (to) joining the strike.
  6. Nobody has borrowed my new lawnmower from me.
  7. Peter's hair really needs a) to be cut b) cutting.
  8. I was made to open the safe by the attacker.
  9. In spite of countless obstacles, Jim was successful in building his own house.
  10. I'll go upstairs to make sure that they have already vacated the rooms.

- V.
- |      |       |       |       |
|------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. b | 6. d  | 11. a | 16. c |
| 2. d | 7. d  | 12. b | 17. d |
| 3. b | 8. c  | 13. b | 18. b |
| 4. a | 9. b  | 14. a | 19. a |
| 5. a | 10. d | 15. c | 20. d |

## TEST 4

- I.
- |              |          |                 |              |
|--------------|----------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1. Legend    | 4. gave  | 7. encountering | 10. raise    |
| 2. offspring | 5. kept  | 8. defeated     | 11. promised |
| 3. elected   | 6. taste | 9. hand         | 12. himself  |
- II.
- |                              |                |                 |
|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. comparison                | 6. sensible    | 11. departure   |
| 2. residents                 | 7. memorable   | 12. imagination |
| 3. usage                     | 8. harmful     | 13. favourable  |
| 4. fearful                   | 9. resemblance | 14. restless    |
| 5. developing/underdeveloped | 10. denial     | 15. wisdom      |
- III.
- |            |              |           |
|------------|--------------|-----------|
| 1. In, for | 6. at, under | 11. from  |
| 2. by      | 7. from      | 12. in    |
| 3. for     | 8. of        | 13. about |
| 4. on, for | 9. with      | 14. at    |
| 5. about   | 10. at       | 15. by    |
- IV.
- The building designer doesn't approve of the idea of a complete reconstruction.
  - Never before have we visited a more charming place.
  - My new assistant has a good / thorough knowledge of anaesthetics.
  - Our experiment will be carried out on condition that we gather enough money.
  - We haven't been in touch with each other for several months.
  - Mr Thompson does not think much of these innovations.
  - Michael works overtime with a view to paying off his debts.
  - Each of us has made an attempt a) at comforting the depressed patient.  
b) to comfort the depressed patient.
  - I was about to leave my office when the telephone rang.
  - Everybody failed a) in working out the correct answer.  
b) to work out the correct answer.
- V.
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|-----------|------------|------------|
| 1. risk   | 6. fingers | 11. hand   |
| 2. temper | 7. weather | 12. flight |
| 3. wall   | 8. names   | 13. rule   |
| 4. home   | 9. cash    | 14. lamb   |
| 5. tune   | 10. log    | 15. sense  |

**TEST 5**

- I.      1. c      4. d      7. b      10. a      13. a  
           2. b      5. c      8. b      11. c      14. a  
           3. a      6. a      9. d      12. b      15. b

- II.      1. reality                      6. expectations              11. sight  
           2. definition                  7. contents                  12. complaints  
           3. silence                    8. unemployment          13. outstanding  
           4. informative              9. extensive                14. reliable  
           5. ability / abilities      10. engagement            15. industrial

- III.     1. in          4. from      7. in          10. to        13. in  
           2. for        5. of        8. at          11. with     14. for  
           3. in        6. by        9. of          12. at        15. from

- IV.      1. I had a strong determination to complete my dissertation by the end of the month.  
           2. Father wants you to get rid of these disgusting insects.  
           3. On coming back home, we realized it had been broken into.  
           4. He will do nothing but lie on the sofa all day round.  
           5. They say they are / have got bored with playing cricket.  
           6. Andy went on a lone expedition without telling anybody about it.  
           7. The moment it gets warmer, the spring flowers will bloom.  
           8. One of the relatives has made a statement on behalf of the mourning parents on television.  
           9. Did you have any difficulty in assembling the set?  
           10. We are having the flat redecorated by a specialist.

- V.        1. b          6. b          11. b        16. b  
           2. c          7. d          12. a        17. d  
           3. a          8. a          13. d        18. c  
           4. c          9. b          14. a        19. a  
           5. d        10. c        15. d        20. b

**TEST 6**

- I.        1. c          4. c          7. b          10. d        13. b  
           2. c          5. d          8. c          11. a        14. c  
           3. a          6. a          9. a          12. c        15. d

