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PRELIMS**2001**

1. Choose the word nearest in meaning to the underlined part of the sentence

The spectacle was most pleasing.

- (A) Sight (B) Impression (C) View (D) Scenery

Direction for Question Nos. 2 to 5:-

Choose the word closest in meaning to the opposite of the underlined part of the sentence.

2. The gentleman had aristocratic manners,

- (A) Coarse (B) Democratic (C) Base (D) Plebeian

3. The barber was a most loquacious man.

- (A) Taciturn (B) Reserved
(C) Quiet (D) Tongue-tied

4. We were served a rich fare in the dinner.

- (A) Poor (B) Plain (C) Tasteless (D) Unpleasant

5. He was rather reluctant to help me.

- (A) Willing (B) Ready (C) Eager (D) Inclined

Direction for Question Nos. 6 to 15:-

Choose the exact meaning of the underlined part of the sentence:

6. He gained success by dint of hard work.

- (A) By means of (B) By force of
(C) By way of (D) By virtue of

7. Swami Vivekananda led a godly life.

- (A) Pious (B) Heavenly (C) Religious (D) Pure

8. Your arguments are of no avail.

- (A) Helpless (B) Meaningless
(C) Unprofitable (D) Useless

9. The specious arguments of the lawyer had no effect on the judge.

- (A) Vicious (B) Illogical
(C) Superficially plausible (D) Indefensible

10. None can be a good orator without the gift of the gab.

- (A) Ability to quote (B) Ability to improvise
(C) Fluency of speech (D) Wit and humour

11. I cannot make out what he wishes to say.

- (A) Guess (B) Understand (C) Discover (D) Explain

12. Many men sailed for Australia in quest of gold.

- (A) In prospect of (B) In pursuance of
(C) In search of (D) In expectation of

13. The rule has been declared null and void.

- (A) Devoid of substance (B) Incorrect
(C) Invalid (D) Inappropriate

14. Some mention of this should be inserted here.

- (A) Added (B) Put in (C) Included (D) Supplied

15. Your essay contains much superfluous matter.

- (A) Unnecessary (B) Needless
(C) Digressive (D) Redundant

Direction for Question Nos. 16 to 20:-

Choose the most suitable word or expression from among the four alternatives supplied for filling in the blank space in the sentence given.

16. He dared not look me _____ the face.

- (A) at (B) in (C) to (D) on

17. He was too late, as _____ would have it.

- (A) fate (B) luck (C) fortune (D) God

18. I _____ my letter last evening.

- (A) finished (B) have finished
(C) had finished (D) had been finishing

19. The teacher is popular _____ his pupils.

- (A) among (B) to (C) with (D) for

20. You may safely use _____ drug.

- (A) Innocent (B) beneficent (C) Innocuous (D) useful

2002

Direction for Questions Nos. 1 to 4 :

Choose the item closest in meaning to the underlined section in the given sentences.

1. There was a shadow across his face upon hearing the sad news.

- (A) Complexion (B) Look of gloom
(C) Shade (D) Gravity,

2. There was a presistent drizzle during our week-long holiday in Darjeeling.

- (A) Consistent (B) Incessant
(C) Continuous (D) Intermittent

3. Sourav Ganguly scored a delectable century against South Africa in the cricket match at Nairobi.

- (A) Delightful (B) Delicious
(C) Entertaining (D) Disciplined

4. Many districts of West Bengal have become prone to floods.

- (A) Related (B) Prostrated (C) Inclined (D) Ready.

Direction for Question Nos. 5 to 7 :

Choose the word most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined section of the sentences.

5. The truck was travelling at a trot.

- (A) At break-neck speed (B) Slowly
(C) At a snail's space (D) Leisurely

6. It was an arduous task.

- (A) Difficult (B) Problematic
(C) Effortless (D) Fitting

7. Many people prefer a vegetarian diet

- (A) Desire (B) Taste (C) Abhor (D) Like

Direction for Question Nos. 8 to 11:

Choose the correct meaning of the underlined part of sentences.

8. He stood his ground with firmness.

- (A) Dug up the ground (B) Built a house
(C) Maintained his position (D) Built a wall

9. I did not notice in him anything out of the way.

- (A) Familiar (B) Strange
(C) Attractive (D) Charming

10. He is not a great lawyer but he has the gift of the gab.

- (A) A serious bearing (B) A pleasant face
(C) A talent for speaking (D) A silent nature

11. The screen is in character with the rest of the furniture.

- (A) Contrasting (B) Complementing
(C) In keeping (D) Joining

Direction for Question Nos. 12 and 13: Choose the best word to complete the given sentences.

12. The thief disappeared in a _____.

- (A) Day (B) Run (C) Trice (D) Hurry

13. The odds against us were indeed _____.

- (A) Light (B) Colourful (C) Cheeful (D) Heavy

Direction for Question Nos. 14 and 15:

Choose the appropriate meaning of the words underlined in the given sentences from the options provided.

14. I had splitting headache and could not concentrate.

- (A) Painful (B) Severe (C) Nagging (D) Mild

15. The river was spanned by an iron bridge.

- (A) Forged (B) Covered (C) Crossed (D) Dammed

Direction for Question Nos. 16 to 18: Choose the correct prepositions to fill in the blanks in the sentences given.

16. The celebrated grammarian Patanjali was a contemporary _____ Pushyamitra Sunga

- (A) To (B) With (C) Of (D) In

17. The income derived _____ the ownership of land is commonly called rent.

- (A) With (B) For (C) From (D) Under

18. The goat subsists _____ the coarsest of foods.

- (A) In (B) On (C) Upon (D) Because of

Direction for Question Nos. 19 to 20 : Choose the correct item.

19. "Concrete" is a substance used to erect building but "concrete" can also mean

- (A) Solid facts (B) Reason (C) Argument (D) Essay

20. A 'transparent' object allows us clear vision but "a transparent person" is one who is

- (A) Smiling (B) Serupulously honest
(C) Pleasing (D) Clever

2003

Direction for Question Nos. 1 to 5:

Choose the word closest in meaning to the sentence:

1. He is very sagacious for such a young person.
(A) Foolish (B) Bitter (C) Voracious (D) Veracious

2. Parents should not belittle their children's early attempts at drawing.
(A) Magnify (B) Extol (C) Encourage (D) Flatter

3. I find writing this book to be an odious task.
(A) Nice (B) Satisfactory
(C) Stimulating (D) Delightful

4. Philosophical works are cerebral in nature and require much thought
(A) Spiritual (B) Intellectual
(C) Carnal (D) Sensational

5. The glitter and opulence of the ballroom took Cinderella's breath away.
(A) Glamour (B) Potency (C) Poverty (D) Squalor

Direction for Question Nos. 6 to 15:

Choose the exact meaning of the underlined part of the sentence:

6. You cannot always go by appearances.
(A) Bypass (B) Neglect (C) Ignore (D) Judge from

7. You must overcome your diffidence if you intent to become a sales person
(A) Indifference (B) Hesitation
(C) Shyness (D) indecision

8. He is not fit to hold a candle to his predecessor.
(A) Unable to enlighten
(B) Incapable of following
(C) Not to be named in comparsion with
(D) Unfit to guide

9. His sudden and unexpected appearance seemed to petrify her.
(A) Amaze (B) Turn to stone (C) Frighten (D) Shock

10. She wore a garish necklace of imitation glass.
(A) Prominent (B) Gaudy (C) Sordid (D) Cheap

11. The must-rose attracted a large number of bees.
(A) Swarm (B) Flock (C) Pack (D) Group

12. They began the clean-up campaign by discarding these.
(A) Throwing them off (B) Throwing them over
(C) Throwing them out (D) Throwing them up

13. When the ships collided in the harbour, pandemonium broke out among passenger.
(A) Chaos (B) Disorder (C) Confusion (D) Wild tumult

14. Poor nutrition in infancy can hold back-physical growth.
(A) Resist (B) Retard (C) Restore (D) Decrease

15. It is obvious that he greatly hates his new colleague in office.
(A) Dislikes (B) Abhors (C) Admires (D) Adores

Direction for Question Nos. 16 to 22:

Choose the most suitable word or expression from among the four alternatives supplied for filling in the blank spaces in the sentences given.

16. His _____ attitude when we are on a holiday is very annoying to me.
(A) Pretentious (B) Obtuse
(C) Turbulent (D) Parsimonious

17. The _____ are not always cowards.
(A) Timid (B) Cautious (C) Discreet (D) Righteous

18. He agreed _____ my proposal.
(A) With (B) To (C) At (D) For

19. Doctors of medicine are among the most _____ members of American society.
(A) Affluent (B) Aristocratic (C) Indolent (D) Carping

20. My friend is proficient _____ the art of cooking
(A) In (B) For (C) At (D) With

21. The writer is enamoured _____ subject.
(A) With (B) By (C) For (D) Of

22. The ancient people used to _____ their ancestors.
(A) Dislike (B) Venerate (C) Worship (D) Exonerate

Direction for Question Nos. 23 to 25:

Choose the word nearest in meaning to the underlined part of the sentence.

23. His arrogance is exceeded only by his abysmal ignorance
 (A) Bottomless (B) Eternal (C) Diabolic (D) Internal
24. He abjured allegiance to the king.
 (A) Projected (B) Perjured
 (C) Renounced (D) Expressed
25. The orator spoke in a bombastic manner.
 (A) Ardent (B) Animated (C) Pompous (D) Sensitive

2004
Direction for Questions 1 to 4

Choose the correct meaning of the underlined part of the sentences.

1. He faced a crisis and was in a fix.
 (A) Motionless (B) In a difficulty
 (C) Conflicted (D) Dumb founded
2. The speaker spoke at length; in fine he urged his audience to be patriotic,
 (A) In line language (B) With a noble gesture
 (C) In telling phrases (D) In conclusion
3. He has been here for years, and should know the ins and outs of the job.
 (A) The secrets (B) All the details
 (C) Entries and exits
 (D) The problems and their solutions
4. The improved tax collections are a shot in the arm for the country's economy.
 (A) A close-range shot (B) A shot-gun blast
 (C) A great encouragement (D) At arm's length

Direction for Questions 5 to 7 .

Choose the item closest in meaning to the underlined word in the given sentences.

5. The speaker emphasized the salient points of the issue.
 (A) Relevant (B) Prominent
 (C) Appropriate (D) Accurate
6. As a scholar he is almost peerless.
 (A) Superb (B) Magnificent
 (C) Unequaled (D) Famous

7. The old lady is extremely loquacious.

- (A) Humorous (B) Talkative
 (C) Foul-mouthed (D) Voluble

Direction for Questions 8 to 10

Choose the word most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word of the sentences.

8. He had a sharp attack of fever
 (A) Sudden (B) Mild (C) Intermittent (D) Slow
9. We had a rich diet there.
 (A) Poor (B) Plain (C) Simple (D) Lean
10. He spoke in a whisper
 (A) Shout (B) Murmur (C) Rumble (D) Roar

Direction for Question 11 to 14

Choose the correct preposition to fill in the blanks in the sentences given.

11. He is a man in whom you can confide _____.
 (A) On (B) In (C) Upon (D) With
12. Fortune smiled _____ his efforts.
 (A) At (B) For (C) Over (D) On
13. Your conduct is subversive _____ all discipline.
 (A) Of (B) To (C) With (D) For
14. Hard work is indispensable _____ success.
 (A) For (B) At (C) To (D) In

Direction for Question 15 to 17

Choose the appropriate meaning of the underlined section in the given sentences from the options provided.

15. My colleague has an officious nature
 (A) formal (B) Official
 (C) Cantankerous (D) Interfering
16. This is an ingenious device
 (A) Skilful (B) Effective (C) Clever (D) Novel
17. The boy has mendacious habits
 (A) Stealing habits (B) Lying tendencies
 (C) Prone to begging (D) Over-critical habits

Direction for Question 18 to 20

Choose the correct item for the underlined section of the sentences from the options given.

18. The man in the street is opposed to this idea.
 (A) The beggar (B) The pavement-dweller
 (C) The destitute (D) The average, ordinary man

19. The president's visit was called off at the eleventh hour

- (A) At the earliest opportunity (B) At 11 a.m
(C) At the last possible moment
(D) Shortly before noon

20. The team made short work of their opponents

- (A) Disposed of quickly
(B) Underestimated the strength of
(C) Avoided working hard (D) Fell short of

Direction for Questions 21 to 25

Choose the best word to fill in the gaps in the given sentences.

21. We do not have words strong enough to condemn such a foul and _____ act of murder.

- (A) Dastardly (B) Timid (C) Hateful (D) Timorous

22. In company we must always be _____.

- (A) Social (B) Friendly (C) Sociable (D) Courteous

23. A _____ of savages attacked the explorer.

- (A) Gang (B) Horde (C) Crowd (D) Band

24. He made a _____ promise in front of the temple.

- (A) Grave (B) Sober (C) Solemn (D) Serious

25. The building does not _____ to safety regulations.

- (A) Follow (B) Agree (C) Comply (D) Conform

2005

Direction for Question Nos. 1 to 3 :

Choose the correct item from the given options.

1. One who acquires a bad name is

- (A) famous (B) evil (C) notorious (D) infamous

2. One who leaves his country for another is-

- (A) a traitor (B) a refugee
(C) an emigrant (D) an immigrant.

3. That which is not permissible is-

- (A) wrong (B) Prohibited (C) evil (D) impermanent

Direction for Question Nos. 4 to 6:

From the given options choose the most appropriate word to fill in the gaps in the following sentences:

4. The Road was completely _____ by a fallen tree.

- (A) closed (B) hindered (C) stopped (D) blocked

5. A hostile crowd tried to _____ the Chairman from delivering his speech.

- (A) prevent (B) obstruct (C) impede (D) hinder

6. The administrator could not make up his mind about this _____ point.

- (A) indecisive (B) vague (C) debatable (D) pointless

Direction for Question.Nos. 7 to 9:

Complete the sentences by choosing appropriate words from the given options.

7. Judgment was passed on the murderer and he was duly _____

- (A) assassinated (B) strangled (C) killed (D) executed

8. Jesus of Nazareth illustrated religious concepts by means of _____.

- (A) Stories (B) Legends (C) Fables (D) Parables

9. The money a man receives during the year is considered his _____.

- (A) Revenue (B) Salary (C) Income (D) Fee

Direction for Question Nos. 10 to 11

Choose the most appropriate single word from the options given, as substitutes for the underlined parts of the sentences.

10. His ghost story was beyond belief

- (A) Fantastic (B) Terrifying
(C) Incredible (D) Imaginary

11. My friend was a person apt to act suddenly without thinking

- (A) Impulsive (B) Excitable
(C) Thoughtless (D) Violent

Direction for Question Nos. 12 and 13 :

Choose the opposite of the following idiomatic expressions from the options given.

12. In a nutshell

- (A) in the open (B) in all its detail
(C) to throw in the sponge (D) to put on paper

13. On no account

- (A) with an ill grace (B) in the open
(C) by all means (D) by hook or by crook

Direction for Question Nos. 14 and 15 :

From the option, choose the words most nearly opposite in meaning to those underlined in the following sentences

14. The boy wore a dismal look after having failed to clear the final examination.

(A) Despondent (B) Solemn (C) Beautiful (D) Cheerful

15. The liberal views of the leader did not find favour with a section of his party.

(A) Biased (B) Prejudiced
(C) Conservative (D) Backward

Direction for Question Nos. 16 and 17

Choose the correct prepositions to fill in the blanks.

16. The woman is standing _____ the door.

(A) by (B) on (C) at (D) in

17. The train was passing _____ a dark tunnel.

(A) through (B) under (C) in (D) by

Direction for Question Nos. 18 to 19 :

Choose the correct item.

18. To refuse is to deny but used as a noun the word can mean

(A) garbage (B) dust (C) Prohibition (D) fuel

19. A day in winter is cold but to turn a cold shoulder to a person is to

(A) Pursue him (B) ignore him
(C) approach him (D) hurt him

Direction for Question Nos. 20 to 22 :

From the given options choose the words nearest in meaning to those underlined in the sentences.

20. Please 'expand' your commentary on the text

(A) Increase. (B) Amplify (C) Enlarge (D) Magnify

21. The Chairman proceeded to speak in a 'dignified' manner.

(A) Elegant (B) Stately (C) Sarcastic (D) Loud

22. Compared with the earth many of the planets are bodies of 'immense' size.

(A) Huge (B) Vast (C) Large (D) Big

Direction for Question Nos. 23 to 25 :

Complete the following proverbs with words chosen from those given below :

23. Don't judge a book by its _____

(A) Contents (B) Cover (C) Words (D) Story

24: Deeds are better than _____

(A) Actions (B) Appearances (C) Words (D) Hopes

25. Don't count your chickens before they are _____

(A) Hatched (B) Eaten (C) Cooked (D) Ready

2006

Direction for Question Nos. 1 to 4: select the right word to complete the following sentences :

1. To conduct talks with a party with the aim of setting an issue is to.

(A) Negotiate (B) Confer (C) Consult (D) Advise

2. To make use of marks like commas or full stops is to.

(A) Deviate (B) Vary (C) Regulate (D) Punctuate

3. A child who has lost both his parents is known as.

(A) Unlucky (B) A foundling
(C) An orphan (D) A street-child

4. When the author gives a name which is not his real one, the book is said to be written under a

(A) Fiction (B) Falsehood (C) Pseudonym (D) Mistake

Direction for Question Nos, 5 and 6

From the accompanying list choose a single word describing each of the following as closely as possible:

5. A seller of cakes

(A) Baker (B) Salesman
(C) Cake-seller (D) Confectioner

6. A dwelling in which soldiers live.

(A) Camp (B) Barracks (C) Tents (D) Cottage

Direction for Question Nos. 7 and 8

Choose the word closest in meaning to that which is underlined:

7. With great cunning, the clerk forged the important

(A) Wickedness (B) Intelligence
(C) Craftiness (D) Skill

8. The boy was reprimanded by his father.

(A) Abused (B) Beaten (C) Admired (D) Rebuked

Direction for Question Nos. 9 to 11

From the lists which follow choose the correct meanings of the underlined parts of the sentences given below:

9. The truant boy promised to turn over a new leaf.

- (A) Turn to nature
(B) Start a new and better life
(C) Move away from the place
(D) Change for the worse

10. Please put on record my objections to this step.

- (A) Put in writing (B) Do not forget
(C) Play on a record-player
(D) Send them to the proper authorities

11. The man was willing to undertake the work for a consideration.

- (A) Out of sympathy (B) Against payment
(C) Only for a brief period (D) On certain terms

Direction for Question Nos. 12 and 13

Complete the following sentences with words chosen from the option given:

12. The opposite of help is

- (A) Hate (B) Helpless (C) Hindrance (D) Stop

13. The waves that tumble on to the beach are called.

- (A) Tumblers (B) Breakers (C) Currents (D) Roamers

Direction for Question Now. 14 and 15

Replace the underlined portions of each sentence by a single word chosen from the options given: -

14. The man who passed himself off as another was finally caught by the alert young detective.

- (A) Wrong-doer (B) Cheat (C) Impostor (D) Traitor

15. The people of the country rebelled against the oppressive and cruel ruler.

- (A) Dictator (B) Tyrant (C) Demagogue (D) Emperor

Direction for Questions Nos. 16 and 17

From the options given, choose a single word in place of the underlined portions

16. My friend was apt to act suddenly without thinking.

- (A) Courageously (B) Excitedly
(C) Thoughtlessly (D) Impulsively

17. Part of the examination should be conducted by word of mouth.

- (A) Orally (B) Intelligently
(C) Confidentially (D) Literally

Direction for Question Nos. 18 and 19

Complete the following sentences with the most appropriate words chosen from the options given:

18. When an animal sleeps through the winter it is—

- (A) Ruminating (B) Hibernating
(C) Gravitating (D) Radiating

19. A piece of writing done by hand is called a—

- (A) Script (B) Copy (C) Manuscript (D) Essay

Direction for Question Nos. 20 and 21

Choose the right word from the options given:

20. A collection of assorted poems or other writings is known as

- (A) A casebook (B) An anthology
(C) A journal (D) Reviews

21. An author who writes the story of another person's life is known as

- (A) Historian (B) Chronicler (C) Mistake (D) Diarist

Direction for Question Nos. 22 and 23

Choose the right word from the accompanying list to fill in the blanks:

22. To bungle is to _____.

- (A) Confuse (B) Blunder (C) Mistake (D) Erase

23. To regret is to be _____.

- (A) Sad (B) Sorrowful (C) Tragic (D) Sorry

Direction for Question Nos. 24 and 25

Tick the exact opposite of each word given below:

24. Extravagance.

- (A) Rashness (B) Meanness (C) Prudence (D) Excess

25. Humility

- (A) Rudeness (B) Vanity (C) Pride (D) Arrogance

2007

1. Political crime against one's own country is called
(A) Treachery (B) Treason (C) Seditious (D) Terrorism
2. A drawback usually observed in women is called
(A) Womanly (C) Female (B) Womanish (D) Feminine
3. The trees which shed all their leaves at a particular time of the year called
(A) Evergreen (B) Coniferous
(C) Deciduous (D) Savanna

4. Choose the correct item:

- Dance is an art form but to dance attendance is to
(A) Take part in group dance (B) Entertain by dancing
(C) Be subservient (D) Be flattering
5. Our gateman is a man of enormous size.
(A) Healthy (B) Tall (C) Gigantic (D) Big
6. The receptionist of the hotel greeted us with the pink of courtesy.
(A) Very sweetly (B) With seriousness
(C) Warmly (D) Respectfully

7. Choose the opposite of the following idiomatic expression from the options given:

To have other fish to fry

- (A) To play the second fiddle
(B) To do the Yeoman's Service
(C) To oil one's own machine
(D) To cut the coat according to

8. The concluding part of a literary work is called
(A) Epigraph (B) Epitaph (C) Conclusion (D) Epilogue
9. One who knows all is called
(A) Scholarly (B) Omniscient (C) Learned (D) Erudite
10. The beautiful lady compared the moon by the poet:
(A) With (B) to (C) of (D) like
11. Competitors _____ the globe took part in the game.
(A) From (B) over (C) around (D) across
12. The senior officer was angry _____ the subordinates.
(A) Upon (B) on (C) with (D) against

13. Shylock nurtured a deep-rooted hatred _____ Antonio.
(A) For (B) to (C) against (D) about
14. A government of the richest class is called
(A) Monarchy (B) Aristocracy
(C) Plutocracy (D) Oligarchy
15. A person out to destroy the government is known as
(A) a terrorist (B) An anarchist
(C) A militant (D) An extremist

16. From the given options choose the most appropriate word to fill in the blank in the sentence:

After one week's continuous fever, the relatives of the patient became _____ about the mode of treatment.

- (A) Suspicious (B) doubtful
(C) Apprehensive (D) inquisitive

17. We all _____ an unknown danger before us.
(A) Foresaw (B) predicted
(C) Anticipated (D) apprehended

18. This method is not wrong; but there may be a more _____ method than this.
(A) suitable (B) effective (C) effectual (D) working

19. Complete the sentence by choosing appropriate word from the given options:

The Republic Day was _____ with due solemnity.

- (A) observed (B) enjoyed (C) celebrated (D) performed

20. Choose the correct meaning of the following idiomatic expression from the options given:

At daggers drawn

- (A) Hostile to others
(B) Violent to others
(C) Dangerous for others
(D) violently opposed to each other

21. From the options choose the word most nearly opposite in meaning to those underlined in the following sentence:

The 19th century was the hey-day of the renaissance in Bengal.

- (A) Days of decline (B) Peak-point
(C) Period of stagnation (D) Time of up-rise

22. After much resistance the robbers gave in to the police.

(A) Arrested (B) Apologized (C) Yielded (D) Defeated

23. Man does not live by bread alone.

(A) Food (B) Sustenance
(C) Material prosperity (D) Good health

24. People who believe anything told to them are not dependable.

(A) Faithful (B) Credible
(C) All-believing (D) Credulous

25. The two men coming from the same country booked the same hotel in the neighboring state.

(A) Immigrants (B) Compatriots
(C) Comrades (D) Refugees

2008

Direction for Question Nos. 1 to 3

Choose the word from the list which is nearest in meaning to the underlined parts of the sentences:

1. He pierced the balloon with a pin.

(A) Stabbed (B) Pricked (C) Penetrated (D) Burst

2. The mother hummed softly as she rocked the baby to sleep.

(A) Chanted (B) Crooned (C) Intoned (D) Whispered

3. His letter fuelled my doubts.

(A) Ended (B) Increased (C) Caused (D) Reaffirmed

Direction for Question Nos. 4 to 7

Choose the correct alternative from the options to fill in the blanks:

4. 'To come to the fore' means to become _____.

(A) prominent (B) aggressive (C) weak (D) aware

5. 'On one's toes' signifies _____.

(A) concentration (B) courtesy
(C) punctuality (D) alertness

6. 'To make headway' is to _____.

(A) make progress (B) make little progress
(C) to progress towards collision
(D) to proceed to travel

7. 'Waiting with bated breath' is to

(A) Feel very excited
(B) Feel breathlessness
(C) Waiting for the dentist with the complaint of bad breath
(D) Waiting to take revenge

8. Replace the underlined words with the most appropriate phrasal verbs:

After a promising start his career soon came to an end in a disappointing way.

(A) Roughed out (B) Fizzled out
(C) Flaked out (D) Rounded off

9. Choose the correct meaning of the underlined portion:

She has been sitting on the books taken from the library for a month.

(A) Doing nothing with the books
(B) Reading the books carefully
(C) Reading the books slowly
(D) Keeping the books as a mark of protest

Direction for Question Nos. 10 to 12

Select the pair among the following which is set in opposition:

10. (A) Gay : Animated (B) Full : Replete
(C) Surmise : Fact (D) Generation : Age

11. (A) Wanton : Restrained (B) Sardonic : Bitter
(C) Bright : Refulgent (D) Fetch: Bring

12. (A) Macabre : Earic (B) Abortive : Successful
(C) Secret : Covert (D) Mock : Rally

Question Nos. 13 and 14

Fill in the blanks with the correct word to make the idioms complete or meaningful:

13. The young politician's speech was full of blood and _____.

(A) Sweat (B) Blade (C) Dagger (D) Thunder

14. He held out an olive branch to his _____.

(A) Enemy (B) Friend (C) Pet (D) Forefathers

Direction for Question Nos. 15 and 16

Choose the right word from the alternatives to complete each sentence and give it an idiomatic turn

15. To be very busy is to be as busy as a
 (A) Squirrel (B) Bee (C) Duck (D) Mouse
16. Someone having a weak memory is said to have a mind/memory like a
 (A) Sieve (B) Soap (C) Screw (D) Stream

Direction for Question Nos. 17 and 20

Choose the alternative from the options given:

17. A market where old and used goods are sold is called a
 (A) Grey market (B) Share market
 (C) Black market (D) Flea market
18. An interpreter is involved with the task of
 (A) Inscription (B) Transcription
 (C) Translation (D) Transformation
19. One who moves from one place to go to live or work in another is called a migrant. But a vagrant is a person
 (A) without a valid passport
 (B) who goes to live in exile
 (C) without a settled home or regular work
 (D) who asks for political asylum
20. A homophone for the word 'whole' will be
 (A) Hole (B) Roll (C) Wholesome (D) Whale
21. Fill in the blanks choosing the right word/alternative:

A barer shaves; a gardener
 (A) Binds (B) Reaps (C) Gleans (D) Prunes

Direction for Question Nos. 22 to 25

Choose the right alternative:

22. A soporific speech would tend to
 (A) Put one to sleep
 (B) Stimulate action
 (C) Appeal primarily to emotions
 (D) Be incomprehensible
23. The idiosyncrasies of a professor must not include
 (A) Eccentricities (B) Flaws
 (C) Oddities (D) Typicalities

24. In a Hobson's choice situation one
 (A) must accept what is offered as there is no alternative
 (B) can freely choose from many alternatives
 (C) must choose only in consolation with other members of the group he/she belongs to
 (D) can do any of the above
25. A fly-by-night company
 (A) Operates only at night
 (B) Sends cargo by plane only
 (C) is interested only in making quick profits
 (D) Operates from no fixed place

2009
Direction for Question Nos. 1 to 5

From the given options choose the words nearest in meaning to those underlined in the sentences:

1. The children were very vivacious in the play ground.
 (A) smiling (B) sportive
 (C) lively/full of life (D) joyful
2. After a prolonged suffering he passed away.
 (A) went away (B) left (C) expired (D) yielded
3. The musician has a very sonorous voice.
 (A) Loud (B) Shrill (C) Harsh (D) Full and deep
4. In the new place he had to earn by the sweat of his brow.
 (A) Very hard work (B) Frown of his brow
 (C) Seriously (D) Idly
5. After much effort he could tide over the crisis.
 (A) Overcome (B) Win over (C) Defeat (D) Enjoy

Direction for Question Nos. 6 & 7

Choose the correct prepositions to fill in the blanks:

6. A gentleman should be true ___ his words.
 (A) from (B) to (C) in (D) on
7. The father was vexed ___ the son.
 (A) with (B) about (C) to (D) in

Direction for Question Nos. 8 & 9

Choose the appropriate words from the given options to suit the meaning of the following most nearly.

8. A fourteen-lined poem is called a
(A) sonnet (B) epilogue (C) composition (D) lyric

9. One who hates mankind is called
(A) Man-hater (B) Cannibal
(C) Demon (D) Misanthropist

10. Choose the correct meaning of the following idiomatic expression from the options given:

Poles apart
(A) Very distant (B) Separate
(C) Toially different in views (D) Very difficult

Direction for Question Nos. 11 & 12

Choose the correct items from the given options:

11. The art of cultivating and managing gardens is called

(A) Horticulture (B) Gardening
(C) Botany (D) Geology

12. Love for the whole world is called

(A) Patriotism (B) Generousness
(C) Philanthropy (D) Nobility

13. From the given options choose the most appropriate word to fill up the gap in the following sentence:

The mother _____ the child
(A) Deserted (B) Hated
(C) Ran away (D) Abandoned

Direction for Question Nos. 14 & 15

Choose the most appropriate single word from the options given, as substitute for the underlined parts of the sentences.

14. People who look at the stars in the sky are pursuing a wonderful vocation.

(A) Astrologers (B) Astronomers
(C) Geophysicists (D) Geologists

15. People who were present in the hall to listen to the lecture were undisciplined.

(A) Crowd (B) Mob (C) Audience (D) Ruffians

16. Choose the correct item from the given options:

A Government by divine guidance is called

(A) Theocracy (B) Episcopacy
(C) Oligarchy (D) Aristocracy

17. Choose the opposite of the following idiomatic expression from the options given:

To go to the dogs.

(A) To turn over a new leaf
(B) To oil one's own machine
(C) be off one's head
(D) To breathe one's last

18. From the options choose the word most nearly opposite in meaning to those underlined in the following sentence:

The high-handed ways of the manager made him an enemy of the people.

(A) Submissive and friendly (B) Ignorant
(C) Angry (D) Impatient

19. Complete the sentence by choosing appropriate word from the given options:

Tagore's birthday was _____ with songs and recitation

(A) completed (B) maintained
(C) celebrated (D) enjoyed

20. Choose the correct meaning of the following idiomatic expression from the options given:

"A bolt from the blue —

(A) a drop from the sky (B) an unexpected shock
(C) thunderbolt (D) a blue sky

21. Choose the correct item from the given options:

A disease affecting many persons at the same time and place is called

(A) epidemic (B) infection (C) sickness (D) death

22. From the given options choose the most appropriate word to fill up the gap in the following sentence:

I had _____ something wrong as soon as I reached the spot.
 (A) understood (B) realised (C) guessed (D) smelt

Direction for Question Nos. 23 & 24

Choose the most appropriate single word from the options given, as substitute for the underlined parts of the sentences.

23. I met a person in the meeting whose appearance did not reflect his mind.

(A) Was deceptive (B) was convincing
 (C) was faithful (D) was honest

24. A collection of poems came out to felicitate the poet.

(A) Guide book (B) Collection
 (C) Compilation (D) An Anthology

25. Choose the correct item from the given options:

A person who makes his journey on foot is called a
 (A) Pedestrian (B) Walker
 (C) Rambler (D) Wanderer

2010

1. Choose the right alternative from the options given below :

A gourmet loves ____ .
 (A) Fashion (B) Action (C) Food (D) Films

Direction for Question Nos. 2 and 3

Fill in the blanks in the sentences choosing the most meaningful alternative from the ones supplied :

2. The ____ of the place attracts many ascetics.

(A) Quietness (B) Silence
 (C) Quietude (D) Soundlessness

3. The street is not properly ____ .

(A) Illumed (B) Illumined
 (C) Illuminated (D) Enlightened

4. Choose the right alternative from the options given:

A man with an irrationally fixed idea is called ____
 (A) An eccentric (B) A maniac
 (C) A manikin (D) A phobic

Direction for Question Nos. 5 to 7

Fill in the blank with the correct alternative from the ones supplied:

5. A man in the charge of farming and nurturing animals is called ____ .

(A) A ploughman (B) A farmer
 (C) A firm-manager (D) A husbands man

6. Lachrymose nature means ____ .

(A) Lethargic (B) Prone to anger
 (C) Prone to tear (D) Energetic

7. The man who follows his nose actually follows his ____ .

(A) Passion (B) Rationality
 (C) Instinct (D) Memory

8. Choose the correct alternative from the ones supplied:

Detect where the adjective “public” is used in a derogatory sense:

(A) Public house (B) Public woman
 (C) Public servant (D) Public speech

9. Choose the right word from the alternatives to complete the sentence idiomatically :

A clever man sweeps his family scandals under the---

(A) Ground (B) Floor
 (C) Carpet (D) Grave-stone

10. Fill in the blank with correct word to make the sentence meaningful :

It is usual nowadays to blow one’s own ____ to impress others.

(A) Horn (B) Trumpet (C) Drum (D) Band

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Direction for Question Nos. 11 and 12

Select the pair in the following option which is set in opposition :

11. (A) Doggish --- Canine (B) Manly ____ Virile
(C) Divine ____ Infernal (D) Earthly ____ Terrestrial
12. (A) Pedant — Pedagogic (B) Humid — Arid
(C) Erroneous — Faulty (D) Horrible — Horrendous

Direction for Question Nos. 13 and 14

Choose the word from the list which is nearest in meaning to the underlined part of the sentence:

13. Hike in oil price may mar the future of the trade world.
(A) Harness (B) Help (C) Better (D) Worsen
14. The separation from a lover fills one's mind with blues.
(A) Sadness (B) Romanticism
(C) Nostalgia (D) Colourfulness

15. Choose the correct alternative from the options to fill in the blanks:

- 'In the time of danger, we should try to take the bull by the horns' means "In the time of danger we should try to ____"
- (A) Surmount it (B) Face the situation boldly
(C) Overcome it (D) Control ourselves

16. 'We are superior to everybody else' is the apt utterance of a/an
(A) egoist (B) pacifist
(C) anarchist (D) chauvinist

17. 'To give a dog a bad name' means

- (A) it is very difficult to destroy the reputation of a loyal person
(B) it is very difficult to lose a bad reputation
(C) it is very difficult to earn a good reputation in a bad company
(D) it is very difficult to both be loyal and do something that jeopardizes self-reputation

18. The prospect of her marriage is remote.
The opposite of 'remote' in this sentence, would be
(A) high (B) less (C) far (D) near

19. Fill in the blank with the right word:
A lame duck organization is one which needs ____ .
(A) authority (B) staff (C) power (D) support

20. A manicurist takes care of ____
(A) foot (B) ear (C) nails (D) mind

21. A duck is a bird, but to duck is ____
(A) to feel shy (B) to refuse
(C) to abandon (D) to avoid

22. Insert the appropriate phrasal verb in the blank below and make the sentence meaningful:

This evidence ____ with what one already knows.
(A) ties in (B) sets in (C) gives in (D) goes down

23. The specialist who handles problems in the human body related to bones is a/an
(A) orthodontist (B) osteopath
(C) podiatrist (D) oncologist

24. Baptism of fire means
(A) a fire fighting act
(B) a bad beginning in the first job
(C) a difficult introduction to an experience
(D) a religious experience

25. A pugilist is a
(A) boxer (B) swimmer
(C) athlete (D) weight-lifter

2011
Instruction for Q. Nos. 1 - 5

Choose the correct alternatives from the options to fill in the blanks :

1. The boys were 'kept in' after school means that the boys were ____.
(A) Caned (B) Punished
(C) Confined (D) Rewarded

2. In spite of all his brag he had 'to eat humble pie' means that he had to _____.

- (A) Apologize (B) Surrender
(C) Leave (D) Eat his food

3. His observations were 'beside the point' means that his observations were _____.

- (A) Written in point form (B) Written beside his points
(C) Not relevant (D) Not heard by others

4. 'A wild-geese chase' means —

- (A) To go hunting
(B) To go on a foolish, fruitless search
(C) To chase wild geese
(D) To protect

5. He 'made light, of his friend's warning means he —

- (A) Lit a fire (B) Showed the light
(C) Took seriously (D) Treated lightly

Instruction for Q. Nos. 6-10

Use appropriate words to fill in the blanks.

6. The _____ structure dwarfed all the surrounding buildings.

- (A) Impossible (B) Imposing
(C) Implacable (D) Important

7. Her _____ ways captivated many young men.

- (A) Wintry (B) Weird (C) Wearisome (D) Winsome

8. The thieves _____ through the cupboards searching for valuable articles.

- (A) Ran (B) Ruptured (C) Rummaged (D) Rustled

9. The _____ of the farmland was enough to sustain the small family.

- (A) Yoke (B) Yeast (C) Yard (D) Yield

10. The _____ fumes of vehicles pollute the air.

- (A) Noxious (B) Nutritious
(C) Nourishing (D) Notorious

Instruction for Q. Nos. 11 & 12

Choose the word opposite in meaning to the underlined words:

11. Chaos reigned supreme at the football match.

- (A) Order (B) Confusion (C) Anarchy (D) Luck

12. The hubbub in the cities makes one tired and irritable.

- (A) Roar (B) Quiet
(C) Disorder (D) Disturbance

Instruction for Q. Nos. 13 & 14

Insert the appropriate phrasal verbs in the blanks below to make the sentence meaningful :

13. We should _____ for a rainy day.

- (A) Put down (B) Put into
(C) Put something by (D) Put things off

14. The thief _____ with the ornaments.

- (A) Made away (B) Made out
(C) Made off (D) Made up

Instruction for Q. Nos. 15 & 16

Identify the correct word from the options given to make the sentence meaningful:

15. He is so _____, nothing moves him.

- (A) Non-committal (B) Nonchalant
(C) Nondescript (D) Noncombatant

16. The dish was _____ with herbs.

- (A) Garnished (B) Garlanded
(C) Gathered (D) Gardened

Instruction for Q. Nos. 17-22

Choose the right word to make the sentence meaningful :

17. A dissolute person is one who is

- (A) Debauched (B) Dishonest
(C) Dissimilar (D) Discontent

18. A female 'administrator' will be called an

- (A) Administratoress (B) Administress
(C) Administratrix (D) Administrer

19. Many camels together would be called a ____ of camels.

- (A) Team (B) Troop (C) String (D) Pack

20. A man who catches fish as a hobby is called a/an

- (A) Fisherman (B) Angler
(C) Hunter (D) Fishmonger

21. He came of his own ____ .

- (A) Violation (B) Volition (C) Volubility (D) View

22. The fruit was juicy and ____ .

- (A) Succulent (B) Succinct
(C) Sufficient (D) Subtle

Instruction for Q. Nos. 23 - 25

Choose the word closest to the meaning of the underlined words :

23. The model's clothes were so bizarre that they created quite a sensation.

- (A) Beautiful (B) Grotesque
(C) Mundane (D) Lugubrious

24. The teacher gave us explicit instructions.

- (A) Definable (B) Resolvable
(C) Demonstrative (D) Detailed

25. The concert was a pot-pourri of events.

- (A) Medley (B) Lengthy
(C) Badly arranged (D) Classical

2012

1. 'Aural' means

- (A) Relating to the ear (B) Relating to the eye
(C) Relating to the air (D) Relating to the water

2. Tortuous means

- (A) Torture (B) Turn
(C) Full of twist and turns (D) Torturous

3. Fill in the blanks with the following pairs :

- I am going to Chennai ____ Monday ____ tour.
(A) On, of (B) On, with (C) In, with (D) Of, on

4. Replace the underlined part of the sentence by any one of the four alternatives given below :

He changed his job and was, out of frying pan to fire.

- (A) Happy with the job (B) Misfit
(C) In a condition from bad to worse
(D) Lucky in the choice

5. He sympathised ____ him in his bereavement.

- (A) In (B) For (C) With (D) By

6. A manicurist take care of

- (A) Foot (B) Ear (C) Nails (D) Mind

7. He succeeded by dint ____ his hard labour.

- (A) Of (B) By (C) For (D) Because

8. Hike in oil price may mar the future of the trade world.

- (A) Harness (B) Help (C) Better (D) Worsen

9. A pugilist is a

- (A) Boxer (B) Swimmer
(C) Athlete (D) Weight- lifter

10. He tried by all means, by hook or by crook to win the case.

- (A) By any means fair or foul (B) By money
(C) By man power (D) By muscle power

11. She is proficient in music but weak

- (A) In study (B) At lessons
(C) With study (D) On study

12. A gourmet loves

- (A) Fashion (B) Action (C) Food (D) Films

13. 'Cacography' means

- (A) Bad spelling (B) Good spelling
(C) Incorrect spelling (D) None of the above

14. 'Hold fire' means

- (A) To delay doing something (B) Catch fire
(C) Prevent fire (D) Magnify

15. A 'soliloquy' means

- (A) Speaking to others (B) Speaking to oneself
(C) Speaking in whispers (D) Speaking to a friend

16. To take up the gauntlet means
 (A) To accept the challenge (B) To refuse
 (C) To appreciate (D) To move
17. Select the pair in the following options which is set in opposition
 (A) Liquid - Solid (B) Enough - Adequate
 (C) Entice - Lure (D) Excess - Surplus
18. 'Thespian art' refers to
 (A) The art of tragedy (B) The art of history
 (C) The art of story telling (D) Tribal art

Direction for Question Nos. 19 and 20

Fill in the blanks with appropriate preposition :

19. I have no desire ____ fame
 (A) Of (B) For (C) In (D) To
20. There is a exception ____ every rule
 (A) To (B) For (C) In (D) Up
21. The meat of deer is called
 (A) Mutton (B) Venison (C) Spoor (D) Tendil
22. Regicide means
 (A) Murder of a Father (B) Murder of a King
 (C) Murder of a Brother (D) Murder of a Sister
23. Lachrymose nature means-
 (A) Lethargic (B) Prone to anger
 (C) Prone to tear (D) Energetic
24. A clever man sweeps his family scandals under the
 (A) Ground (B) Floor
 (C) Carpet (D) Grave-stone
25. 'Astronomy' means study of the
 (A) Moon (B) Star (C) Sky (D) Sun

2013

Instruction for Question Nos. 1 & 2

Choose the correct alternatives from the options to fill in the blanks:

1. They 'laughed down' the man means that they ____ the man.
 (A) Confined (B) Laughed with
 (C) Ridiculed and belittled (D) Punished

2. 'Crocodile tears' means ____ .
 (A) Expression of sorrow (B) Tears of animals
 (C) False tears (D) Painful expression

Instruction for Question Nos. 3 to 6

Use appropriate words to fill in the blanks :

3. The — structure of Tajmahal makes it one of the wonders of the world.
 (A) Magnanimous (B) Mediocre
 (C) Mighty (D) Majestic
4. He was penniless when the bank failed and declared himself ____ .
 (A) Insipid (B) Insolent (C) Innocent (D) Insolvent
5. The child proved himself ____ by his behaviour and was expelled from the school.
 (A) Ill-bred (B) Ill-advised
 (C) Ill-treated (D) Illogical
6. A ____ makes no difference between man and man in spreading his love.
 (A) Philander (B) Philistine
 (C) Philosopher (D) Philanthropist

Choose the word opposite in meaning to the underlined word :

7. Transparency is needed in dealing with a matter of public interest :
 (A) Haziness (B) Trauma
 (C) Turbulence (D) Transition

Insert the appropriate phrasal verb in the blank below to make the sentence meaningful :

8. His friend ____ his word much to his despair.
 (A) Went back on (B) Went away from
 (C) Went with (D) Went in

Identify the correct word from the options given to make the sentence meaningful :

9. The banquet-hall is ____ decorated to celebrate the occasion.
 (A) Slovenly (B) Simply (C) Lavishly (D) Poorly

10. An omnivorous creature is one who :
 (A) Eats both plants and animals (B) Omnipresent
 (C) Omniscient (D) Eats nothing

11. People who do not settle down, speak the Romany language, are called :
 (A) Truant (B) Vagabond
 (C) Omniscient (D) Wanderer

12. He came of his own —
 (A) Impulse (B) Instinct
 (C) Accord (D) Indifference

Instructions for Question Nos. 13 & 14

Choose the word closest to the meaning of the underlined words :

13. The patient needed an anodyne for his strained nerves.
 (A) Alcohol (B) Opium
 (C) Medicine (D) Painkilling balm

14. The news came like a bolt from the blue.
 (A) Windfall (B) Thunderbolt
 (C) Sudden and unexpected (D) Shock

Fill in the blank with the appropriate preposition :

15. I was alarmed _____ the news of my brother's illness.
 (A) In (B) At (C) Of (D) On

16. He is such a good Samaritan. It means :
 (A) He is very clever
 (B) He is a fool
 (C) Someone who tries to help people
 (D) He is a bad man

17. Select the pair in the following options, which is set in opposition :
 (A) Erroneous — Faulty (B) Reticent — Silent
 (C) Vilify — Slander (D) None of the above

18. 'Deciduous' trees are :
 (A) Trees that lose the leaves annually
 (B) Trees that are big
 (C) Trees that are short
 (D) Trees that are scattered

19. 'To see red' means :
 (A) To begin to understand (B) To be mad with anger
 (C) A narrow escape (D) Smart and clean

20. A preparation for killing insects is :
 (A) Parasite (B) Insecticide
 (C) Humus (D) Rodent

21. Eruption means outbreak, irruption means :
 (A) Bursting in (B) Equal (C) Disease (D) Evil

Replace the underlined word by any of the options given below:

22. It was queer to see his behaviour.
 (A) Natural (B) Odd
 (C) Probable (D) Convincing

Fill in the blank :

23. The street is not properly —
 (A) Illumed (B) Illumined
 (C) Illuminated (D) Enlightened

24. 'We are superior to every body else' is the apt utterance of a/an —
 (A) Egoist (B) Pacifist
 (C) Anarchist (D) Chauvinist

25. The opposite of 'remote' is :
 (A) High (B) Less (C) Far (D) Near

2014

1. Select the correct meaning of the underlined idiom from the alternatives provided.

I gave him a piece of my mind.
 (A) Expressed love (B) Fell in love
 (C) Expressed anguish (D) Trusted him

2. He has the gift of the gab.
 (A) A talent for speaking (B) A good voice
 (C) A logical bent of mind (D) Talking nonsense

3. Choose the correct meaning of the word from the alternatives given below.

Tour de force.
 (A) Masterpiece (B) Grand Tour
 (C) Long Tour (D) Art and Culture

4. Choose the correct meaning of the word from the alternatives given below.

Inspid

- (A) Foolish (B) Exciting
(C) Dull (D) Sensible

5. Fill in the blank with correct phrasal verb from the options provided below :

They decided to ____ his number in the yellow pages.

- (A) look into (B) look at
(C) look up (D) look onto

6. Select the correct meaning of the underlined idiom from the alternatives provided :

She is a little under the weather today.

- (A) Feeling unwell (B) In sync with the weather
(C) Feeling excited (D) Feeling sad

7. Choose the word opposite meaning to the underlined below :

His point was lost amid the cacophony.

- (A) Music (B) Discordance (C) Silence (D) Crowd

8. Choose the word opposite in meaning to the underlined below:

The possibility of failure was imminent.

- (A) Remote (B) Inherent
(C) Immediate (D) Perennial

9. Select the correct synonym of the following word from the alternatives provided.

Inadvertent

- (A) Adversity (B) Intentional
(C) Unintentional (D) Advanced

10. Fill in the blank :

He would always ____ the police.

- (A) elude (B) illude (C) allude (D) delude

11. Fill in the blank :

The last ____ will be performed by member of the family only.

- (A) wright (B) right (C) rite (D) write

12. Complete the sentence by choosing the correct meaning from the options provided :

A person of outgoing nature is known as a/an ____

- (A) Stoic (B) Extrovert
(C) Megalomaniac (D) Philanthropist

13. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition :

He held his breath ____ several minutes.

- (A) on. (B) of (C) for (D) from

14. Choose the correct meaning of the word from the alternatives given below :

Incognito

- (A) Candid (B) Impromptu
(C) Opposed (D) Disguised

15. Choose the word opposite in meaning to the one underlined below :

There is abundant scope for improvement.

- (A) Ample (B) Scarce (C) Copious (D) Eternal

16. The word 'Pride' is also used to describe a group of

- (A) Tigers (B) Elephants (C) Lions (D) Hyenas

17. 'Cricket' is also a kind of a/an

- (A) Bird (B) Insect (C) Food (D) Flower

18. A 'Page' also means

- (A) A sweet dish (B) A chauffeur
(C) A book (D) A servant

19. Insert the correct phrasal verb from the options provided to make meaningful sentence :

I will ____ to my job until May.

- (A) hold up (B) hold on (C) hold in (D) hold

20. Fill in the blank with correct phrasal verb from the options provided below:

The boss simply could not _ his inefficiency any more.

- (A) put off (B) put up with
(C) put down (D) put across

21. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:

He is ____ the phone right now.

- (A) at (B) in (C) on (D) to

22. Select the correct synonym of the following word from the alternatives provided:

Embezzle

- (A) Steal (B) Steel (C) Honesty (D) Dazzle

23. Select the correct synonym of the following word from the alternatives provided :

Lucid

- (A) Opaque (B) Solid (C) Clear (D) Hazy

24. Fill in the blank:

You should _____ her case as a precedent.

- (A) site (B) cite (C) sight (D) side

25. Complete the sentence by choosing the correct meaning from the options provided:

A person suffering from an uncontrollable desire to steal is known as a/an _____ .

- (A) Kleptomaniac (B) Necromaniac
(C) Necrophobic (D) Introvert

2015

1. Select the correct meaning of the idiom underlined below :

The singer was not in voice

- (A) Lost voice (B) To sing well
(C) Had a cough (D) Sang well

2. Fill in the blank with the correct word :

_____ his illness, he attended the function.

- (A) In spite (B) Due (C) As of (D) Despite

3. Fill in the blank with the correct word :

The stream was _____ by the waterfall.

- (A) Fed (B) Fed up (C) Filled (D) Filled

4. Fill in the blank with the correct word :

A _____ Star was seen in the sky.

- (A) Strengthening (B) Shooting
(C) Shunting (D) Staring

5. 'Puts one in mind' means

- (A) Resolved (B) Decided
(C) Reminds (D) Received

6. 'Book' may be used with

- (A) Trousers (B) Insects (C) Ticket (D) Painting

7. Choose the correct meaning of the word from the alternatives given below :

Genre

- (A) A grand tour (B) A specific category
(C) A chauffeur (D) A long List

8. Put in a correct Participle in the blank space

Mary _____, we were freed from anxiety.

- (A) Having arrived (B) Rolling
(C) Tattered (D) Being arrived

9. Choose the word opposite in meaning to the word underlined below :

The crowd felt stupefied by the lecture.

- (A) Engulfed (B) Entertained
(C) Enthused (D) Encouraged

10. Choose the word opposite in meaning to the word underlined below

The silence of the children was sinister.

- (A) Catnap (B) Cacophony
(C) Coarse (D) Cruelty

11. 'Hand and glove' means

- (A) Arrogance (B) Enemy
(C) Maintain a distance (D) Intimate terms

12. Use suitable auxiliary verb to fill in the blank space :

Mother says you _____ to go to the market at once.

- (A) Have (B) Are (C) Shall (D) Will

13. Fill in the space with an Infinitive :

_____ fault is easy

- (A) to begin (B) to bury (C) to read (D) to find

14. There was a _____ on the midnight train. (Insert correct phrasal verb)

- (A) Hold up (B) Hold in (C) Hold (D) Hold out

15. Insert correct adverb phrase in the blank space :

Do this in a short time, in a _____ manner.

- (A) Former (B) Swift (C) Brave (D) Unwise

16. Insert proper preposition in the sentence :
He hinted — some loss treasure.
(A) of (B) for (C) with (D) at
17. Fill in the blank with the correct word :
You had better — permission.
(A) Want (B) Ask (C) Call (D) Order
18. Fill in with relative pronoun the blank space below:
Who _____ saw her did not pity her ?
(A) What (B) Which (C) That (D) Such
19. Fill in with relative pronoun the blank space below :
The sun, _____ rays give life to the earth, was regarded by the ancients as a god.
(A) That (B) Whose (C) Which (D) Whom
20. Select the correct meaning of the idiom underlined below :
No one dare call in question his honesty.
(A) Honesty of purpose (B) Test
(C) Flatter (D) Challenge
21. 'Approval' may be expressed by the following Interjection :
(A) Ha ! (B) Hush ! (C) Bravo ! (D) Hurrah !
22. A person on the verge of death of an illness is :
(A) Seriously ill (B) Terminally ill
(C) Sporadically ill (D) None of the above
23. An endocrinologist deals with :
(A) Teeth (B) Glands (C) Epidemics (D) Heart
24. A stoic person can :
(A) Entice (B) Endure (C) Excite (D) Enable
25. Insert proper preposition in the sentence :
Here is the watch — you asked —
(A) which, for (B) that, for
(C) for, from (D) this, for

2016

1. Use suitable auxiliary verb to fill in the blank space
She _____ sit for hours listening to the wireless.
(A) Will (B) Would (C) Can (D) Could
2. Fill in the blank with an infinitive :
_____ is worth ambition.
(A) To borrow (B) To reign
(C) To repent (D) To cry
3. Fill in the blanks with relative pronoun :
He is here, _____ is fortunate.
(A) Who (B) Whose (C) Which (D) That
4. Edmund Burke had a wonderful gift of the gap.
Gift of the gap means :
(A) Intelligence (B) Humanity
(C) Eloquence (D) Goodness
5. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate participle.
Weather _____, there will be a garden party at Government House tomorrow.
(A) Allowing (B) Permitting
(C) Happening (D) Favourable
6. Fill in the blanks with a suitable word :
This is the _____ Post Office to my house.
(A) Farthest (B) Next
(C) Nearest (D) Closest
7. Fill in the blank with a suitable word :
I can't walk any _____
(A) Farther (B) Further (C) Distance (D) Far
8. Select the correct meaning of the idiom underlined below :
There's no love lost between them.
(A) Avoid (B) Not on good terms
(C) Challenge (D) Quarrel
9. Choose the word opposite in meaning to the word underlined below :
The appearance of the stranger was forbidding.
(A) Warm (B) Kind
(C) Friendly (D) Amiable

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10. Select the correct meaning of the idiom underlined below :

The belief in witchcraft is losing ground.

- (A) Becoming less acceptable
 (B) Becoming popular
 (C) Becoming powerful
 (D) Losing principle

11. 'Surprise' may be expressed by the following interjection :

- (A) Hush ! (B) Alas !
 (C) Ha ! (D) Bravo !

12. 'Mellifluous' means :

- (A) Sweet-sounding (B) Cacophonous
 (C) Loud (D) Irritating

13. Fill in the blank with appropriate participle.

The _____ door awakened the dog.

- (A) Creaking (B) Old
 (C) New (D) Waving

14. The expression 'to take stock of' means :

- (A) To question (B) To argue
 (C) To survey (D) To manipulate

15. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate preposition.

The crew were _____ the ship for a month.

- (A) On board (B) Aboard (C) On (D) Off

16. Choose the word opposite in meaning to the word underlined below :

People responded to the leader's speech with shouts of ecstasy.

- (A) Despondency (B) Despair
 (C) Disagreement (D) Displeasure

17. Put in a correct participle in the blanks space.

The sea _____, we went for sail.

- (A) Being rough (B) Disturbed
 (C) Being kind (D) Being smooth

18. Choose the correct meaning of the word from the alternatives given below :

Quintessential.

- (A) Most typical example (B) Most wanted thing
 (C) Most popular (D) Most utilized

19. In a moment of hurry, the files have been ----- by Hamilton. (Insert correct phrasal verb)

- (A) Cast about (B) Cast out
 (C) Cast up (D) Cast aside

20. Insert proper preposition in the sentence.

I prevailed _____ him to join our group.

- (A) On (B) Upon
 (C) Beside (D) Along with

21. An ophthalmologist deals with :

- (A) Kidney (B) Liver (C) Eyes (D) Heart

22. Memorabilia refers to :

- (A) Memorable things
 (B) Memories of war
 (C) Memories of objects collected because of their links with people or events.
 (D) Memories of the past

23. Choose an expression similar in meaning to the word underlined below :

Imbroglio

- (A) Cacophony (B) Confession
 (C) A confused situation (D) Candid admission

24. Fill in the blank with the correct word of expression :

He talked to his horse _____ the horse could understand his grief.

- (A) As though (B) With a feeling that
 (C) Feeling that (D) Assuming

25. Choose an expression similar in meaning to the underlined word ;

A misanthrope is a person who

- (A) Dislikes women (B) Dislikes other people
 (C) Dislikes children (D) Dislikes nature

2017

1. Choose the word opposite in meaning to the word underlined below :

The darkness covered the whole countryside.

- (A) Silence (B) Stillness (C) Light (D) Noise

2. There was no _____ in the rain. (Insert correct phrasal verb)
 (A) let up (B) let in (C) let off (D) let go
3. Insert correct word in the blank space :
 Finish your task in a _____ manner.
 (A) swift (B) competent (C) silent (D) lazy
4. Insert proper preposition in the sentence.
 He was waiting _____ the train.
 (A) in (B) at (C) for (D) with
5. 'At daggers drawn' means
 (A) Friendly (B) On bad terms with
 (C) Acquainted (D) Unknown
6. Use suitable auxiliary verb to fill in the blank space :
 You _____ catch the train at once.
 (A) will (B) can (C) shall (D) must
7. Fill in the space with an infinitive :
 It is easy _____ but hard to finish.
 (A) to end (B) to fall (C) to lose (D) to begin
8. Fill in the blank with the correct word :
 _____ he was late, he come home by nine.
 (A) Even (B) Although (C) Because (D) Despite
9. Fill in the blank with the correct word :
 The river was _____ the bank.
 (A) overflowing (B) dry (C) full (D) deep
10. Fill in the blank with the correct word :
 A _____ jewel was in the locker.
 (A) browning (B) filling (C) shining (D) moving
11. 'Made up his mind' means
 (A) Remembered (B) Resolved
 (C) Forgot (D) Lost
12. Select the correct meaning of the idiom under-lined below :
 He is a dark horse.
 (A) Silent (B) secretive
 (C) Dangerous (D) Possessing a secret ability
13. Sorrow may be expressed by the following interjections :
 (A) Hurrah ! (B) Bravo ! (C) Oh ! (D) Alas !
14. An illness that is likely to be fatal is
 (A) Mortal (B) Serious
 (C) Slight (D) Temporary
15. An orthopaedist deals with
 (A) Eyes (B) Lungs (C) Bones (D) Childbirth
16. An Epicurean is one who
 (A) Endures (B) Suffers
 (C) Enjoys pleasure (D) Loves
17. Fill in the blank with the correct word given below:
 He wanted to _____ out.
 (A) want (B) ask (C) call (D) order
18. Fill in the blank with the correct word given below
 He saved her _____ certain death.
 (A) from (B) with (C) of (D) in
19. Fill in, with relative pronoun, the blank space below :
 The man _____ briefcase was lost, reported to the police.
 (A) that (B) whose (C) which (D) whom
20. Insert proper words in the sentence :
 Here is the man _____ you asked _____.
 (A) whom, about (B) that, for
 (C) for, from (D) this, for
21. Select the correct meaning of the idiom under-lined below :
 Everything was at sixes and sevens.
 (A) Disordered (B) Lost (C) Found (D) Sold
22. 'Cinema' may be used with
 (A) Cooking (B) Selling
 (C) Sleeping (D) Theater
23. Choose the correct meaning of the word from the alternatives given below :
 A la mode
 (A) Fashionable (B) Cheap
 (C) Expensive (D) Convenient
24. Put in a correct participle in the blank space :
 The car was _____ down the slope.
 (A) rolling (B) breaking
 (C) lost (D) having arrived

25. Choose the word appropriate in meaning to the word underlined below :

The listeners were delighted by the music concert.

- (A) Surprised (B) Saddened
(C) Angered (D) Excited

2018

1. Fill in the blank with the correct word :

_____ his humiliation, he attended the function.

- (A) In spite (B) Notwithstanding
(C) Nevertheless (D) As of

2. "Call up" means :

- (A) recollect (B) anticipate
(C) befriend (D) invite

3. Use a suitable Auxiliary Verb to fill in the blank space :

In all probability it _____ rain tonight

- (A) will (B) can (C) may (D) ought

4. Fill in the blank with the correct word :

She had better _____ the room

- (A) entered (B) requested (C) moved (D) called

5. Fill in the blank with the appropriate Phrasal verb :

The girl _____ her mother

- (A) takes after (B) call in (C) puts off (D) puts by

6. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word

She liked the _____ plan better

- (A) latter (B) later (C) fast (D) early

7. Fill in the blank with the correct word :

A _____ bow was seen in the sky.

- (A) multicoloured (B) shooting
(C) staring (D) melodious

8. "A bolt from the blue" means

- (A) sudden disaster (B) in trouble
(C) blessing from above (D) to remain neutral

9. Choose the correct meaning of the word from the alternatives given below :

Classic _____

- (A) of the first or highest quality (B) a long list
(C) loose, flowing robe (D) sanctified

10. Insert a correct Participle in the blank space :

_____ about dinner, John ran the whole way home

- (A) Having finished (B) Excited
(C) Had been excited (D) Hungry

11. Fill in the blank with the correct Phrasal Verb :

The teacher will _____ a new chapter tomorrow.

- (A) take over (B) take up
(C) take down (D) take off

12. Insert the correct Adverbial Phrase in the blank space :

Only _____ is there a rumble in the sky

- (A) occasionally (B) swiftly
(C) quite (D) merrily

13. Choose the word opposite in meaning to the word underlined below :

Mary's patience and serenity won the admiration of all who saw her

- (A) holiness (B) placidity
(C) agitation (D) equanimity

14. Marble may be used with

- (A) Painting (B) Music
(C) Rocks (D) Sculpture

15. Insert the appropriate Prepositions in the sentence:

He has a preference _____ tea _____ coffee

- (A) over, for (B) for, to (C) for, over (D) to, over

16. Insert the proper preposition the sentence

It is 9'o clock _____ my watch

- (A) by (B) in (C) at (D) into

17. 'Regret' may be expressed by the following interjection :

- (A) Alas! (B) Hush! (C) Bravo! (D) Hurrah!

18. Fill in the blank with the appropriate infinitive :

_____ is human

- (A) To laugh (B) To err (C) To read (D) To save

19. One who considers the happiness and well being of others first is an

- (A) Atheist (B) Altruist
(C) Alchemist (D) Aesthete

20. Fill in the blank with the correct word :

An Ophthalmologist is a person who deals with _____

- (A) heart (B) eyes (C) glands (D) lungs

21. Fill in the blank with the appropriate preposition :

She was running short _____ time.

- (A) at (B) of (C) with (D) for

22. An Ornithologist deals with :

- (A) Insects (B) Birds (C) Eyes (D) Heart

23. An indefatigable person remains

- (A) untired (B) unhappy
(C) unrelentful (D) unsocial

24. Select the correct meaning of the idiom underlined below :

He stood in hot water

- (A) in trouble or disgrace (B) met with an accident
(C) stepped into boiling water (D) was angry

25. Select the correct meaning of the idiom underlined below

We didn't really want that particular hotel, but it was a case of Hobson's Choice.

- (A) state of dilemma
(B) taking what is available or nothing at all
(C) teacher's choice
(D) economical.

2019

1. The word 'beleaguered' means

- (A) Belittled (B) Benefitted
(C) Troubled (D) Irritated

2. Find the appropriate synonym of the word 'Indefatigable'.

- (A) Tireless (B) Indomitable
(C) Unhappy (D) Incompatible

3. The detective suddenly _____ a useful clue. Fill in with the right phrasal verb.

- (A) gave in (B) came across
(C) fill up (D) fell down

4. The tranquillity and sanctity of the place soothed us. Replace the underlined word with a suitable word.

- (A) Security (B) Holines
(C) Equanimity (D) Placidity

5. Correct the following sentence and choose the right answer:

We had gone to the movies last night.

- (A) We had had gone to the movies last night.
(B) We went to the movies last night.
(C) We should have gone to the movies last night.
(D) We have gone to the movies last night.

6. Select the right answer: My watch is five minutes _____.

- (A) slow (B) lately (C) past (D) late

7. Fill in with suitable conjunction: He advanced _____ he could.

- (A) until (B) while (C) as far as (D) as

8. Select the correct answer to fill in the blank : I am sure I _____ him before.

- (A) have met (B) met (C) had met (D) will meet

9. Fill in with the right option: I _____ him for a long time.

- (A) have known (B) knew
(C) had known (D) should have known

10. Which is the correct form of the given sentence: They discussed about the matter.

- (A) They had discussed about the matter.
(B) They should have discussed about the matter.
(C) They discussed the matter.
(D) The given sentence is correct.

11. Change the voice of the verb and select the correct answer: 'The script is being written.'

- (A) The script will have to be written.
(B) Write the script.
(C) They are writing the script.
(D) They have been writing the script.

12. The idiomatic expression 'see eye to eye' means

- (A) agree with someone.
(B) to remain neutral.
(C) to take over (something)
(D) to enjoy the best of both.

13. Ornithology is the study of
(A) Fish (B) Coins (C) Relics (D) Birds
14. Ram made the most ____ his resources. Choose the correct preposition.
(A) at (B) of (C) from (D) with
15. The word necrophilia means
(A) Love for insects
(B) Love for children
(C) Cultivation of knowledge
(D) Fascination with dead bodies
- 16: Convert the given sentence into an interrogative sentence:
I will meet you at the train station.
(A) When will you meet me ?
(B) How will you meet me ?
(C) Where will you meet me ?
(D) Can't you meet me ?
17. She wanted to go on vacation, so she saved money. Convert this to a simple sentence.
(A) As she wanted to go on vacation she saved money.
(B) She saved money for vacation.
(C) She wanted to go on vacation and saved her money.
(D) Although she saved her money, she wanted to go on vacation
18. Convert the given sentence into a simple sentence:
Pancakes are delicious but not without syrup.
(A) Pancakes are delicious when served with syrup.
(B) Pancakes are delicious only with syrup.
(C) If served with syrup, pancakes are delicious.
(D) None of the above
19. Add a suitable prefix to form the opposite of the word 'Balance'.
(A) Nonbalance (B) Unbalance
(C) Disbalance (D) Imbalance
20. Fill in with the appropriate word :
The jury ____ divided in their opinion.
(A) were (B) was (C) have been (D) have
21. Fill in the blank with the suitable option
Let's meet ____ next week.
(A) sometimes (B) sometime
(C) some time (D) some times
22. Choose the right option to rewrite the sentence :
No sooner ____ the sun risen than the fog disappeared.
(A) did (B) has (C) had (D) was
23. He says he has invented a time machine, which is clearly a load of cobblers.
(A) Genuine (B) Great
(C) Nonsense (D) Significant
24. He entered the hall in the ____ part of the show. Which is the right answer ?
(A) Latter (B) Later (C) Late (D) Lately
25. He preferred classical music ____ popular numbers.
Choose the correct preposition.
(A) from (B) of (C) over (D) to

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