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Directions:

In each of the following sentences there are two blank spaces. Below each sentence there are five pairs of words denoted by numbers (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e). Find out which pair of words can be filled up in the blanks in the sentence in the same sequence to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

1) Along with a sharp rise in _____, a recession would eventually result in more men, women, and children living in _____.

- a) crime, apathy
- b) fatalities, poor
- c) deaths, slums
- d) unemployment, poverty
- e) migrations, streets

2) The Sun has constantly been _____ and reappearing and that has got the temperature _____ over the past two days.

- a) vanishing, control
- b) hiding, fluctuating
- c) appearing, soaring
- d) going, unpredictable
- e) disappearing, unusual

3) As long as the bacteria, fungus or virus has enough resource to survive, it can _____ and spread into the environment thereby maximizing its chances of continued _____.

- a) Vibrate, Allocation
- b) Function, Death
- c) Reproduce, Survival
- d) Allow, Infection
- e) Product, Life

4) Much of the _____ that cricket has is due to the fact it is a _____ sport.

- a) allure, lucrative
- b) criticism, controversial
- c) attraction, unpopular
- d) flak, great

e) comments, unusual

5) Nothing is impossible in the world of politics. States which were _____ foes and had their deadly missiles pointed at each other find themselves _____ in military alliances.

- a) implacable, partners
- b) intense, joining
- c) deadly, approaching
- d) known, soliciting
- e) enviable, grouping

6) If we wish to _____ democracy, we must _____ fast to our constitutional norms.

- a) engage, stick
- b) rule, access
- c) absorb, work
- d) maintain, hold
- e) govern, cling

7) The social network website Facebook, has invested heavily in finding and taking down accounts _____ to deceive people about where information is originating, particular when spread as part of _____ campaigns with political or social agendas.

- a) Muted, Accompanied
- b) Crafted, Coordinated
- c) Led, Organizing
- d) Allowed, Ionized
- e) Made, Tumult

8) In an effort to provide _____ for higher education to all, most of the universities have been providing education without adequate infrastructure, thus churning out _____ graduates every year.

- a) chances, fresh
- b) platform, capable
- c) opportunities, unemployable
- d) prospects, eligible
- e) policy, incompetent





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9) The _____ of Chinese plastic thread should be banned as it _____ thousands of birds every year during the kite flying season.

- a) sale, cripples
- b) sell, kills
- c) sale, disturb
- d) sell, disables
- e) sale, saves

10) The present education system is _____ and needs _____.

- a) adequate, betterment
- b) wrong, improve
- c) defective, reforming
- d) good, nothing
- e) excellent, improvement

11) To _____ any tensions in the minds of the employees and investors alike the company has promised to consider job cuts as a last _____.

- a) erase, effort
- b) rid, hurdle
- c) overcome, decision
- d) address, phase
- e) ease, resort

12) The New Year has _____ in good news for city hotels as most properties are _____ for the whole month.

- a) brought, deserted
- b) ushered, packed
- c) pushed, full
- d) steered, renovating
- e) escorted, vacant

13) Keeping in mind the _____ to develop the sector the government has _____ solicited foreign investment.

- a) importance, never
- b) proposal, forcibly
- c) objective, wanted
- d) view, discretely
- e) need, actively

14) He objected to the proposal because it was founded on a _____ principle and also was _____ at times.

- a) faulty, desirable
- b) imperative, reasonable
- c) wrong, inconvenient

- d) sound, acceptable
- e) conforming, deplorable

Directions:

In each of the following sentence, there are two blank spaces. Below the sentences, there are five options with a pair of words each. Fill up the sentences with the pair of words that make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

15) India's _____ over the past half century since independence has been unique and _____ in many ways.

- a) thinking, feeling
- b) development, commendable
- c) victory, celebrating
- d) crash, overbearing
- e) regress, praiseworthy

16) Skeptics would not _____ that the earth actually moves, let alone that it _____ around the sun.

- a) permit, orbits
- b) accept, revolves
- c) experience, circles
- d) assume, went
- e) challenge, spins

17) The _____ of opinion which emerged at a recently concluded seminar was that the problem of dowry cannot be _____ unless the law against it is made more stringent.

- a) divergence, managed
- b) sympathy, projected
- c) consensus, tackled
- d) similarity, curbed
- e) convergence, appreciated

18) An airplane with _____ passengers on board made an unscheduled _____ as the airport to which it was heading was covered with thick fog.

- a) irritable, slip
- b) faulty, stop





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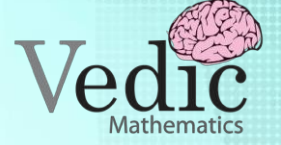
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c) variety, halt

d) tons, wait

e) numerous, landing

d) appreciated, hectic

e) admired, unreasonable

19) The pilot knew she would be able to see the _____ lights of the city from her cockpit window, but she would not see the fireworks explode to welcome the new year as she would have _____ to cruising altitude.

a) few, soared

b) divine, escalate

c) glistening, jumped

d) picturesque, depleted

e) glittering, climbed

20) Changes in building technology and materials in recent years have made it _____ to build slender towers that are _____ the tallest in the world.

a) Feasible, between

b) Practicable, for

c) Attainable, with

d) Realizable, among

e) Possible, among

21) At the dawn of history, India _____ on her unending quest and trackless centuries are _____ with her striving and the grandeur of her success and failures.

a) Started, filled b) Marched, involved

c) Proceeded, bulled

d) Started, vanished

e) Marched, filled

22) She was _____ because all her plan had gone _____.

a) Happy, selected

b) Dejected, splendidly

c) Distraught, awry

d) Frustrated, magnificently

e) Rejected, beautifully

23) The WHO has _____ the government for taking prompt _____ action.

a) lauded, preventive

b) criticised, obligatory

c) blamed, ineffective

24) To cross the Rubicon means to take a final _____ step which may have dangerous _____.

a) Hazardous, precedent

b) Unwarranted, potentialities

c) Inconsequential, concomitants

d) Well-considered, implications

e) Irrevocable, consequences

25) Since foggy weather _____ visibility by several metres, the railways has either partially _____ or diverted some of the trains.

a) improves, started

b) impairs, called off

c) hampers, withdrawn

d) decrease, stopped

e) reduces, cancelled

26) When organisations _____ creativity and risk taking, the usual method of maintaining order and _____ are indeed shaken.

a) encourage, decorum

b) exhibit, durability

c) propose, humility

d) enhance, supply

e) propagate, production

27) He _____ all his money _____.

a) squandered, wisely

b) deposited, prudence

c) expended, notoriously

d) earned, decent

e) spent, foolishly

28) Today the city _____ free housing and hospitals and clean streets has become the _____ of the entire country.

a) offers, example

b) known, pride

c) with, envy

d) providing, challenge

e) supplies, dream





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29) The teacher must _____ the unique style of a learner in order to _____ it to the desired knowledge.

- a) advocate, direct
- b) perpetuate, develop
- c) appreciate, focus
- d) absorb, maintain
- e) discover, harness

30) As many as 145 Indians were _____ from the US, mostly illegal immigrants and those who have _____ visa norms, arrived at Delhi's Airport by a special flight via Bangladesh.

- a) Relocated, Corrupted
- b) Supported, Faked
- c) Examined, Disturbed
- d) Deported, Violated
- e) Leveled, Jolly

31) Inferring attitudes from expressed opinion has many _____. People may _____ their attitude and express socially acceptable opinions.

- a) limitations, conceal
- b) advantages, show
- c) drawbacks, support
- d) benefits, avoid
- e) reasons, acknowledge

32) Lack of _____ is basic to good teamwork but our ability to work with others depends on our _____.

- a) rigidity, compatibility
- b) dogmatism, motivation
- c) professionalism, vulnerability
- d) positivism, flexibility
- e) consideration, acumen

33) _____ governance does not encourage respect for authority and _____ the condition of the exploited.

- a) Frail, enhance
- b) Lack, recognises
- c) Inadequate, heeds

- d) Weak, accentuates
- e) Effectual, alleviate

34) Unless the authorities adopt the principle _____ strategies cannot become _____.

- a) Whole-heartedly, successful
- b) Finally, obsolete
- c) Fully, defunct
- d) Legitimately, noteworthy
- e) Logically, trivial

35) Extreme poverty is as _____ to stagnation and impoverishment as _____ wealth.

- a) dangerous, restrained
- b) provocative, permissible
- c) supportive, foul
- d) stupendous, corrupt
- e) liable, excessive

36) To _____ in today's rapidly changing environment corporations need to _____ their learning capability.

- a) develop, enlarge
- b) surpass, align
- c) project, assimilate
- d) service, mitigate
- e) compete, strengthen

37) We will call back the agitation if the Chairman gives an _____ that there will be no _____ of workers.

- a) inkling, harassment
- b) assurance, need
- c) explanation, demand
- d) opportunity, place
- e) undertaking, retrenchment

38) We must _____ according to the situation as we wear _____ clothes during winter.

- a) observe, pretty
- b) plan, plain
- c) change, warm
- d) appear, attractive





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e) submit, clean

39) After the board examinations, students are _____ up for the various entrance examinations _____ for next month.

- a) ready, timed
- b) gearing, scheduled
- c) prepared, programmed
- d) set, duration
- e) geared, kept

40) We mean by civilisation a way of life in which the wilder _____ of humanity are restrained, the nobler instincts and inclinations are _____ and allowed to prevail.

- a) dimensions, created
- b) qualities, discouraged
- c) passions, developed
- d) desires, inhibited
- e) aspects, encouraged

41) He was initially _____ at the suggestion but was soon _____ it himself.

- a) Anger, rejecting
- b) Shocked, advocating
- c) Impressed, negating
- d) Thrilled, propagating
- e) Suspicious, trusting

42) The Supreme Court is scheduled to _____ its verdict on a batch of petitions _____ re-examination of its decision to allow entry of women of all age group to Kerala's Sabarimala Temple.

- a) Expect, Asking
- b) Release, Featuring
- c) Propose, Filed
- d) Pronounce, Seeking
- e) Validate, Hoping

43) An airplane with _____ passengers on board made an unscheduled _____ as the airport to which it was heading was covered with thick fog.

a) irritable, slip

c) variety, halt

e) numerous, landing

b) faulty, stop

d) tons, wait

44) We are said to be superstitious when we _____ ourselves to fanciful causes for happenings that seem to be _____.

- a) bind, unwarranted
- b) project, heavenly
- c) torture, harmful
- d) subject, inexplicable
- e) treat, harrowing

45) The human mind is never _____; it advances or it _____.

- a) absolute, diminishes
- b) dynamic, stops
- c) perfect, disintegrates
- d) stationary, retrogrades
- e) happy, decomposes

46) College-going students should _____ the spirit of service from the great men of _____.

- a) inculcate, power
- b) develop, possession
- c) invent, wisdom
- d) analyze, distinction
- e) imbibe, yore

47) He preaches liberal views but in practice, he is not _____ he is _____ narrow minded than almost any other person.

- a) Tough, openly
- b) Tolerant, more
- c) Ambitious, hardly
- d) Acceptable, genuinely
- e) Approachable, less

48) Whenever the going gets tough and their _____ is on wane, it is customary for our Prime ministers to allege that conspiracies are being hatched to _____ their governments.





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- a) Acceptance, stabilize
- b) Prevalence, loosen
- c) Popularity, destabilize
- d) Acclaim, weaken
- e) Prevalence, stabilize

49) The police commissioner may _____ the state government to close five police stations _____ of poor infrastructure and bad location.

- a) order, in the light
- b) request, because
- c) ask, reason
- d) plead, due
- e) command, in lieu

50) The _____ of pesticides and fertilizers while growing the vegetables and fruits is one of the greatest _____ to the health these days.

- a) production, dangers
- b) consumption, problem
- c) overuse, threats
- d) application, rewards
- e) amount, injury

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