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1) Although businesses are less _____ than they were before liberalization some parts of the economy remain _____ to restrictions.

- a) fettered, subject
- b) shunned, accessible
- c) ignored, vulnerable
- d) restrict, expose
- e) defunct, resistant

2) Since its launch, the computer programme has _____ for two-thirds of all software sales _____.

- a) allowed, legally
- b) plans, globally
- c) provided, finally
- d) competed, demand
- e) accounted, domestically

3) A company can _____ the potential of its employees _____ various training programmes.

- a) emphasise, for
- b) exploit, from
- c) enhance, through
- d) appraise, by
- e) identify, under

4) Sonia Gandhi was made interim president last August, barely 20 months after she voluntarily _____ the top post in favour of son Rahul Gandhi who refused to continue on as Congress chief after a _____ 2019 general election defeat.

- a) Joined, Wonderful
- b) Left, Promising
- c) Celebrated, Astonishing

- d) Returned, Amazing
- e) Relinquished, Humiliating

5) They have finally succeeded in _____ the management to hold _____ discussions on issues pertaining to employee benefits.

- a) compelling, intensive
- b) recommending, committed
- c) imposing, competitive
- d) entrusting, intricate
- e) threatening, lately

6) Many teachers _____ the lack of professional freedom as the _____ for leaving the job.

- a) cited, reason
- b) explained, force
- c) claimed, understanding
- d) argued, culprit
- e) believe, ground

7) The Supreme Court on Thursday dismissed the review _____ against its verdict in the Rafale deal on grounds that they lacked merit, _____ its clean chit to the Modi government in the fighter jet agreement with French firm Dassault Aviation.

- a) Petitions, Reiterating
- b) Files, Declaring
- c) Work, Proving
- d) Requirements, Gathering
- e) Requests, Revealing

8) Aided by Punjab Police, a Hong Kong court ordered the _____ of a resident wanted for his _____ involvement in a car theft and the Nabha jailbreak three years ago.

- a) Transfer, Evaluation
- b) Sequence, Separated
- c) Extradition, Alleged
- d) Relocation, Designed
- e) List, Outlined





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9) The minister _____ about various _____ being provided by officials for the pilgrims including direction wise colour coded passenger enclosures.

- a) ceased, functions
- b) enquired, facilities
- c) relied, opportunities
- d) shy, evidence
- e) asked, deity

10) The _____ of the _____ carried out in the Institute were published.

- a) reports, findings
- b) articles, observations
- c) drawbacks, preparations
- d) results, investigations
- e) observations, teams

11) It is accurate to refer to poets as dreamers but it is not _____ to infer that the dreams of poets have no practical value beyond the _____ of literary diversion.

- a) possible, shadow
- b) sensible, object
- c) discerning, realm
- d) valuable, field
- e) comparable, circle

12) If you kindly bear _____ me for some time, I shall _____ the whole issue.

- a) out, understand
- b) on, solve
- c) for, know
- d) with, clarify
- e) at, inform

13) The hutment dwellers were jubilant when the government _____ an apartment to each of them at _____ rates.

- a) demolished, fast
- b) announced, less
- c) provided, high
- d) acquired, low

e) promised, subsidised

14) In the role of a counsellor, you are an authority figure whose objective is to _____ attentively and sensitively to employees who _____ you with their feelings.

- a) project, focus
- b) manage, direct
- c) listen, trust
- d) concentrate, believe
- e) consider, explain

15) If misery is the effect of ill fortune, it ought to be pitied, if of _____ to be _____.

- a) virtue, criticised
- b) calamity, revered
- c) virtue, protected
- d) vice, revered
- e) virtue, revered

16) In a move that could better protect the interest of depositors; the government is planning to _____ the deposit insurance cover to more than Rs 2 lakh for individual bank accounts, if a lender _____ or its license is cancelled by the Reserve Bank of India.

- a) Celebrate, Fails
- b) Settle, Increases
- c) Increase, Collapses
- d) Form, Claims
- e) Submit, Attends

17) As censorship was _____ people were _____ the furious battle being fought.

- a) clammed, oblivious of
- b) revoked, indifferent to
- c) imposed, unaware of
- d) dispelled, ignorant of
- e) levelled, unmindful of

18) The so-called civilised human race has _____ and ill-treated small and large animals in an attempt to prove his _____.

- a) abused, supremacy





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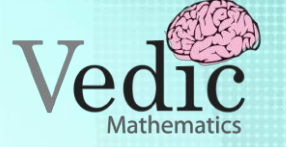
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- b) misuse, power
- c) cruelty, altruism
- d) advocated, worthlessness
- e) beaten, generosity

19) One of the major critiques of the examination system is that it _____ to a spirit of _____ competition among the students.

- a) results, defective
- b) accompanies, adequate
- c) develops, intense
- d) takes, severe
- e) leads, unhealthy

20) The mill workers were not _____ with their low wages and nonpayment of wages for last three months _____ fuel to the flames.

- a) Good, put
- b) Satisfied, added
- c) Joyful, poured
- d) Pleased, directed
- e) Enjoyed, moved

21) He _____ to the audience in a soft but confident tone all _____ had happened.

- a) explained, whatever
- b) narrated, that
- c) demonstrated, what
- d) briefed, those
- e) showed, whatsoever

22) Unpredictable _____ of the child could not lead the consultants to any _____.

- a) performance, setting
- b) belief, judgement
- c) operation, purpose
- d) behaviour, conclusion
- e) react, decision

23) Trying to _____ a team without a good and simple system is like trying to drive a car without a steering wheel _____.

- a) Form, working
- b) Place, exploratory
- c) Organize, empowering
- d) Make, guidance
- e) Achieve, developmental

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24) The impact of the dividend tax has been _____ firms to invest in debt "thereby _____ companies of much needed equity".

- a) Expecting, Giving
- b) Freed, Attacking
- c) Separated, Proposing
- d) Imposed, Making
- e) Prompting, Depriving

25) The only way to ensure best output from your vehicle is to provide it a _____ and _____ maintenance.

- a) nurturing, expensive
- b) proper, timely
- c) careful, costly
- d) trouble-free, everlasting
- e) precious, healthy

26) The company along with its foreign partners needs to work _____ to determine the financial _____ of the joint venture.

- a) diligently, nature
- b) cohesively, compliance
- c) concretely, feasible
- d) together, viability





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e) jointly, incentive

27) The prime minister, who is _____ in his holiday home at the moment, said that he was very _____ by the news of India winning the World Cup.

- a) visiting, happy
- b) residing, obliged
- c) intruding, dejected
- d) staying, pleased
- e) resting, cheerful

28) Many people _____ genetically modified food but the reality is that all the food that we eat has been genetically modified naturally by thousands of years of _____.

- a) praise, manipulation
- b) grow, mismanagement
- c) criticize, farming
- d) avoid, experience
- e) condemn, abuse

29) The changing nature of flight operations, _____ with a social media _____ among young pilots, is among the challenges the Indian aviation medicine is struggling to address.

- a) Including, Passion
- b) Requiring, Interest
- c) Along with, Interaction
- d) Coupled, Addiction
- e) Presenting, Habit

30) Many people take spirituality very seriously and _____ about those who don't, worrying about them and _____ them to believe.

- a) think, criticising
- b) pride, appraising
- c) rationalise, enabling
- d) wonder, prodding
- e) ponder, venturing

31) Food and fertilizer subsidies _____ to proliferate, and it is important to rationalize and _____ them.

- a) Continue, target

b) Proceed, achieve

- c) Pursue, prey
- d) Maintain, object
- e) Remain, select

32) In a unanimous verdict, the Supreme Court _____ the way for the construction of a Ram Temple at the disputed site in Ayodhya, and directed the Centre to allot an alternative 5-acre plot to the Sunni Waqf Board for building a new mosque at a "_____ place in the holy town in Uttar Pradesh.

- a) Allowed, Importance
- b) Paved, Prominent
- c) Eased, Unnecessary
- d) Finalized, Advanced
- e) Structured, Beautiful

33) Surely it is important to increase public investment to _____ the investment climate, particularly when the global environment is _____ and exports are declining.

- a) Refresh, delicate
- b) Re-establish, weak
- c) Freshen, shaky
- d) Stimulate, insecure
- e) Revive, fragile

34) We must rest assured that our sorrows, if any, are short-lived and period of joy _____ us. Such thinking will always maintain our _____ and peace of mind.

- a) begets, dream
- b) befits, body
- c) bemoans, skills
- d) merits, life
- e) awaits, equipoise

35) Another one is Personal Data Protection Bill, which is aimed at ensuring the protection of personal data of citizens and _____ growth of digital economy. The Bill is intended to regulate all aspects of data and various _____ which will be required to be fulfilled wherever personal data is involved.

- a) Declining. Organizations





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- b) Ensuring, Obligations
- c) Inclining, Propagandas
- d) Protecting, Protests
- e) Technology, Technical

36) Experts feel that the amendment to the Act will adversely _____ private sector _____ in infrastructure development.

- a) effect, participation
- b) facilitate, claim
- c) influence, involvement
- d) measure, investment
- e) expedite, stake

37) I was initially a bit _____ that my daughter did not take up the puzzle, though she was _____ good at it.

- a) Disappointed, quite
- b) Depressed, clearly
- c) Motivated, freely
- d) Sad, perfectly
- e) Impressed, wholly

38) It is certain that human beings _____ latent power of which they are only _____ aware.

- a) possess, vaguely
- b) exhibit, little
- c) impose, clearly
- d) inherit, consciously
- e) owns, surely

39) Only with executive _____ can the organisation concentrate its energies on _____ competitive advantage over time.

- a) position, embarking
- b) deployment, directing
- c) contingent, fabricating
- d) commitment, sustaining
- e) satisfaction, moulding

40) Uniforms of Rajya Sabha marshals were _____ from traditional Indian attire comprising turbans to dark navy blue and olive green military-style _____ with caps.

- a) Compared, Clothes
- b) Restyled, Outfits
- c) Presented, Composition
- d) Restructured, Labels
- e) Intimidated, Discussions

41) Coercion sometimes leads to the _____ of short-term goals, but its drawbacks far _____ its advantages.

- a) realization, damage
- b) appreciation, percolate
- c) accomplishment, outweigh
- d) achievement, crumble
- e) destination, magnify

42) The Supreme Court on closed criminal _____ proceedings initiated against Congress leader Rahul Gandhi by BJP MP Meenakshi Lekhi for wrongly _____ to the apex court his 'chowkidar chor ha' remark in Rafale case against PM Modi.

- a) Alternative, Making
- b) Knowledge, Accusing
- c) Supremo, Distributing
- d) Contempt, Attributing
- e) Process, Analyzing

43) Research shows that an organisation's _____ to cater to the customers changing needs will _____ its success.

- a) intent, realise
- b) ability, determine
- c) capacity, lead
- d) desire, insure
- e) flexibility, acquire

44) 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





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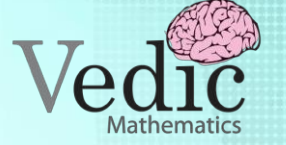
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45) The Government _____ down the opposition
_____ for a joint parliamentary committee probe.

- a) boiled, proposal
- b) shot, demand
- c) put, leaders
- d) whipped, portfolio
- e) struck, party

46) Because he was _____, he left the party earlier
and _____ home.

- a) tired, brought
- b) precarious, approached
- c) preoccupied, sent
- d) ill, contacted
- e) unwell, returned

47) The captain of our team was _____ because of
the _____ performance of our opponents.

- a) upset, poor
- b) nervous, uneventful
- c) happy, excellent
- d) elated, bad
- e) annoyed, thorough

48) Whether it be shallow or not, commitment is the
_____, the bedrock of any _____ loving
relationship.

- a) expression, perfunctory
- b) foundation, genuinely
- c) manifestation, deep
- d) key, alarmingly
- e) basis, absorbing

49) The army regime has announced firm steps on
_____ democracy and fighting _____.

- a) clamping, anarchy
- b) ruling, voters
- c) restoring, terrorism
- d) enlightening, anti-corruption
- e) waiving, minorities

50) His speech _____ the need for the media to play
an important role to bring _____ on social evils.

- a) reflected, pressure
- b) communicating, attention
- c) stressed, focus
- d) addressing, emphasis
- e) convinced, light

51) Governments do not want to take a decision and
resort to softer align, delay tactics and collusion,
hoping that the judiciary will _____ in to relieve
them of the _____ of decision-making

- a) come, enlightenment
- b) vouch, trouble
- c) barge, pleasure
- d) step, burden
- e) vote, task

52) On account of the _____ in sales the software
firm has achieved an eight per cent _____ in net
profit.

- a) surge, fall
- b) increase, rise
- c) decline, slope
- d) hike, loss
- e) growth, advance

53) Even as the _____ elsewhere in the world are
struggling to come out of recession, Indian consumers
are splurging on consumer goods and to _____ this
growth, companies are investing heavily in various
sectors.

- a) economies, meet
- b) countries, inhibit
- c) governments, measure
- d) nations, inflict
- e) companies, counter

54) The airline industry is _____ out its survival kit
to deal with _____ losses.

- a) spreading, raising
- b) pulling, mounting
- c) handing, abating
- d) pushing, increasing





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e) floating, diminishing

55) Part of the confusion in our societies _____ from our pursuit of efficiency and economic growth, in the _____ that these are the necessary ingredients of progress.

- a) stems, conviction
- b) derives, evaluation
- c) emerges, consideration
- d) obtains, exploration
- e) extends, planning

56) The doctor reached the house too _____ to find the patient _____.

- a) early, worried
- b) far, sick
- c) late, alive
- d) hastily, immobile
- e) impatiently, dead

57) The meeting had to be _____ for _____ of quorum.

- a) conducted, completion
- b) cancelled, desire
- c) held, lack
- d) postponed, want
- e) stalled, pressure

58) Our Constitution was based on the belief that the free _____ of ideas, people and cultures is essential to the _____ of a democratic society.

- a) selection, concurrence
- b) interchange, preservation
- c) reversal, upholding
- d) dissemination, congruence
- e) distinction, design

59) Nothing undermines the communication of a changed vision more than _____ on the part of key _____ that seems inconsistent with the vision.

- a) anything, issues
- b) behaviors, players

- c) advocacy, managers
- d) something, personnel
- e) philosophy, problems

60) Despite _____ of resources, the financially underprivileged students _____ in their endeavour.

- a) plenty, failed
- b) availability, gave
- c) want, surrendered
- d) lack, succeeded
- e) extremity, excelled

61) The work assigned to me is not _____ though it is very _____.

- a) voluminous, careful
- b) challenging, easy
- c) impossible, stupendous
- d) exceptional, ordinary
- e) meagre, difficult

62) The society provides the individual security of life, _____ of thought and sustenance for action. Every individual who _____ from society is indebted to the society.

- a) serenity, gains
- b) prosperity, benefits
- c) objectivity, profits
- d) seriousness, derives
- e) semblance, evolves

63) Rules are for those who cannot _____ them and not for the rich and influential who can _____ to ignore them.

- a) follow, demand
- b) set, opt
- c) break, suggest
- d) find, ask
- e) challenge, choose

64) The textile industry in India has _____ rough weather in recent times. The textile mill is one of the few companies to have _____ this storm.





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- a) overcome, empowered
- b) managed, absorbed
- c) protested, fought
- d) withstood, survived
- e) ventured, managed

65) Nine members have _____ about the decision, but the tenth one views it _____.

- a) solution, critically
- b) consensus, similarly
- c) disagreement, collectively
- d) grievance, grudgingly
- e) agreement, differently

66) If you are _____ you tend to respond to stressful situations in a calm, secure, steady and _____ way.

- a) resilient, rational
- b) obdurate, manageable
- c) propitious, stable
- d) delectable, flexible
- e) supportive, positive

67) Increasing the price of urea is _____ not only to contain the subsidy but also to _____ balanced nutrient intake.

- a) Chief, advance
- b) Main, forward
- c) Major, sell
- d) Critical, stimulate
- e) Important, promote

68) The police arrested Ramesh on a _____ of theft but for lack of evidence _____ him.

- a) crime, imprisoned
- b) punished, complaint
- c) left, condition
- d) tip, absconding
- e) charge, released

69) A plethora of cultural talent _____ the spectators busy at a talent programme where students

from various colleges get together to _____ their mettle in various contests.

- a) tried, show
- b) kept, prove
- c) caught, puzzle
- d) held, learn
- e) helped, mention

