

1 - 16: For these questions, choose the best word or expression to fill the space.

1. **Agricultural activities ---- invade the habitats of wild animals, depriving them of space and contact with others of their kind.**
 - A) meticulously
 - B) precisely
 - C) increasingly
 - D) defiantly
 - E) sparingly

2. **Many pharaohs during the New Kingdom had the sole authority throughout the country with their administration based in Thebes and ---- power from there.**
 - A) prevented
 - B) derived
 - C) disturbed
 - D) separated
 - E) exercised

3. **Hackers ---- the world are in fact qualified people who have mastered using computers and constantly improve themselves ---- penetrating cyber-defences to steal valuable documents.**
 - A) around / at
 - B) beneath / out
 - C) of / toward
 - D) throughout / by
 - E) in / forward

4. **---- as a miracle in the 1950s, the potent bug killer DDT ---- freedom from malaria, typhus and other insect-borne diseases in the years to come.**
 - A) To hail / is promising
 - B) Hailed / promised
 - C) Having been hailed / has promised
 - D) Hailing / had promised
 - E) Having hailed / promises

5. **Those living in long-term care facilities ---- less than 1 percent of the U.S. population but make up a third of its disease-related deaths.**
 - A) sacrifice
 - B) manage
 - C) oversee
 - D) complement
 - E) represent

6. **Some 55 million years ago – just ---- 10 million years after the mass extinction that killed T. rex and the majority ---- its kin – the average global temperature sat more than 20°F higher than it does today.**
 - A) under / out
 - B) after / at
 - C) around / of
 - D) before / by
 - E) about / on

7. **Getting back to work after the pandemic will not feel the same as colleagues may avoid communal spaces and activities, and even beloved lunch spots may not have ---- the pandemic.**
 - A) terminated
 - B) addressed
 - C) avoided
 - D) survived
 - E) triggered

8. **Humans are not alone ---- keeping close track of natural water sources – many animals make mental maps ---- their surroundings to remember where important resources are found.**
 - A) through / at
 - B) by / to
 - C) in / of
 - D) off / up
 - E) with / for

9. Before their defeat in 1521, the Mexica people, who are known as the Aztec in our day, had evolved ---- a nomadic people to Mesoamerica's dominant power ---- less than a century.
- A) into / for
B) from / in
C) through / within
D) by / over
E) as / with
10. As many health practitioners have repeated, the risks of severe side effects from a vaccine are tiny in comparison to the risk of the disease itself, yet a sizeable number of people are still ---- to get the shots.
- A) frightening
B) formidable
C) haphazard
D) hesitant
E) enthusiastic
11. ---- the southern coast of Italy, the largest active volcano in Europe lies hidden ---- the waves, and now scientists are trying to figure out what would happen to cities on the shores if it erupted.
- A) Along / in
B) Off / beneath
C) On / toward
D) below / above
E) between / for
12. Soon after paper notes were introduced in 1929, the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing opted to use green ink ---- the colour was relatively high in its resistance to chemical and physical changes.
- A) whereas
B) given that
C) although
D) because
E) so that
13. Though they are ----, owned by almost 90 per cent of adults in the developed world, it is definitely worth remembering that smartphones did not even exist a score of years ago, namely, twenty years ago.
- A) ubiquitous
B) anonymous
C) pretentious
D) relentless
E) vulnerable
14. As temperatures continue climbing and winters grow shorter, ticks, once confined to certain regions, will ---- spreading given that they have already arrived in parts of Canada that were previously free of them.
- A) allow for
B) set out
C) abide by
D) keep on
E) go off
15. Looking into corals is a laborious ---- , and usually requires observing them alive in the ocean as well as examining their dead tissue in a laboratory.
- A) expansion
B) undertaking
C) dedication
D) shortcoming
E) awakening
16. Polar regions covered ---- ice year-round are hotspots ---- micrometeorite research due to their geographical isolation and stability.
- A) with / for
B) by / of
C) in / out
D) about / to
E) onto / up

17. As our civilization progresses, technological advances allow humans and machines to achieve more than their predecessors, with more convenience available over a short course, but improvements in sophistication are usually made ---- durability.
- A) regardless of
B) for the sake of
C) in spite of
D) at the expense of
E) on behalf of
18. When you look up at the sky on a cloudless night, you will see thousands of stars – about 6,000 or so, ---- that is only a tiny fraction of all the stars out there as the rest are too far away for us to see them.
- A) in case
B) given that
C) unless
D) but
E) so that
19. Even though educational video games have been used in classrooms for 50 years – and ---- the fact that research shows educational games can be effective – they are not that common in classrooms today.
- A) in case of
B) given
C) despite
D) as opposed to
E) due to
20. ---- getting angry will have an adverse effect and make it even harder for you to sleep, it is one of the worst ways to respond to insomnia.
- A) Jus as
B) Since
C) Unless
D) Though
E) If
21. ---- peaceful ---- they are in general, elephants are known to put humans in danger by raiding sheds or trampling homes while searching for food.
- A) The more / the more
B) As / as
C) Whether / or
D) So / as
E) Not only / but
22. Our civilisation might perish within centuries from now ---- a self-inflicted global catastrophe, like another world war or climate change.
- A) as a result of
B) in addition to
C) in terms of
D) regardless of
E) in spite of

23. ---- both men and women are susceptible to supervisors overlooking their hard work, women are often more negatively impacted.
- A) Because
 - B) As though
 - C) Unless
 - D) While
 - E) So that
24. Research has demonstrated that several hazardous toxic chemicals from military waste, ---- heavy metals or fuel hydrocarbons, may have long-term effects on civilian health and wellbeing.
- A) such as
 - B) in addition to
 - C) in spite of
 - D) regardless of
 - E) similar to
25. Most of the ocean's water is out of reach of the sun's rays, ---- the darkness of the deep sea is far from absolute as many of the creatures that populate its depths make their own light.
- A) so
 - B) now that
 - C) unless
 - D) though
 - E) so that
26. Research has demonstrated that those who encounter more adversities than their fellow colleagues or peers but carry on ---- are more likely to adopt a positive attitude even in their 80s.
- A) straight
 - B) instead
 - C) rather
 - D) regardless
 - E) beforehand
27. The latest developments for the worse in the world may have had a toxic effect on people's manners as employees ranging from waitstaff to flight attendants are reporting much ruder clients.
- A) The latest developments for the worse in the world must have had a detrimental bearing on people's manners, or else workers from waitstaff to flight attendants would not be talking about far more impolite clients.
 - B) The latest developments might have been for the worse in the world, thus having a harmful influence on people's manners considering much more impolite clients and employees ranging from waitstaff to flight attendants.
 - C) Had the latest developments been for the better in the world, they would not have had a harmful impact on people's manners and workers from waitstaff to flight attendants would not be talking about even more impolite clients.
 - D) The latest developments have been for the worse in the world and they might have had a harmful impact on people's manners given that workers from waitstaff to flight attendants are talking about even more impolite clients.
 - E) Because workers ranging from waitstaff to flight attendants are reporting ruder clients, one can safely claim that the latest developments for the worse in the world may have had a toxic effect on people's manners.

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