

1-6: For these questions, choose the best word or expression to fill the space.

1. Regular exercise plays a vital role in enhancing cardiovascular health, as it contributes to the ---- of blood circulation and strengthens the heart muscles, thereby reducing the risk of heart-related issues.
  - A) promotion
  - B) impediment
  - C) inhibition
  - D) cessation
  - E) obstruction
2. Prolonged exposure to direct sunlight can result in genetic DNA damage, but certain natural sunscreens act as a shield and prevent the ---- of ultraviolet rays into the skin, thereby decreasing the harm.
  - A) alteration
  - B) development
  - C) validation
  - D) infiltration
  - E) dispersion
3. Despite the advancements in technology, cybersecurity measures must undergo ---- evaluation to ensure their efficacy against continuously evolving threats in the digital landscape.
  - A) stringent
  - B) sporadic
  - C) lenient
  - D) periodic
  - E) exhaustive
4. Effective communication skills are pivotal in fostering teamwork and ---- productivity within any organization.
  - A) hindering
  - B) maximizing
  - C) neglecting
  - D) facilitating
  - E) stagnating

5. The ancient civilization of Egypt was known for its remarkable architectural achievements, as they were highly skilled in constructing monumental structures due to their ---- intricate understanding of engineering principles.
  - A) severely
  - B) seemingly
  - C) accurately
  - D) thoroughly
  - E) amazingly
6. The decline in biodiversity in the region cannot be solely attributed to habitat loss; it also ---- the invasive species introduced over the past decade.
  - A) puts forward
  - B) attributed to
  - C) wipes out
  - D) brings about
  - E) stems from
7. Linguists suggest that certain languages ---- their roots in ancient dialects, while others ---- from a convergence of multiple linguistic influences over centuries.
  - A) derive / have evolved
  - B) were deriving / had evolved
  - C) derived / will evolve
  - D) have derived / are evolving
  - E) are deriving / will have evolved
8. Marine biologists are exploring innovative techniques ---- the behavior of elusive deep-sea creatures, which otherwise ---- a mystery due to their remote habitat.
  - A) understanding / remained
  - B) to understand / remains
  - C) understood / is remaining
  - D) understand / remain
  - E) being understood / have remained

9. **Until recently, most archaeologists meticulously--- artifacts from ancient civilizations through observation and reasoning, concluding that some of these relics ---- religious significance.**

- A) studied / could hold
- B) were studying / would hold
- C) had studied / had to hold
- D) have studied / might hold
- E) are studying / will hold

10. **The prevalence of respiratory illnesses seems to be on the rise --- densely populated urban areas and even the countryside, where pollution levels are often ---- permissible limits.**

- A) around / over
- B) within / under
- C) among / without
- D) amidst / beyond
- E) into / beneath

11. **---- many consider global warming a recent phenomenon, historical records and geological evidence point to climate fluctuations occurring over millennia.**

- A) Whereas
- B) While
- C) Given that
- D) Because
- E) Just as

12. **The advantages of regular exercise involve improved cardiovascular health and weight management, ---- it also plays a significant role in enhancing mental well-being and reducing stress levels.**

- A) while
- B) since
- C) conversely
- D) thus
- E) unless

13. **The study exploring the effects of fame and celebrity indicates that the impact of fame on an individual's life is perceived more as an abrupt change or instantaneous occurrence ---- a gradual, phased transition.**

- A) unlike
- B) rather than
- C) in contrast to
- D) thanks to
- E) similar to

14. **The shift towards renewable energy sources is perceived by many as a revolutionary step forward in combating climate change, ---- some remain skeptical about its capacity to fully replace traditional fossil fuels.**

- A) because
- B) until
- C) although
- D) unless
- E) supposing

15. **While archaeologists concentrate on studying and endeavor to reconstruct the past, especially eras and civilizations predating written records, they rely on material remnants ---- gain insights about a culture.**

- A) in addition to
- B) except for
- C) as of
- D) in order for
- E) so as to

16. **The impacts and losses attributed to natural disasters are commonly linked to ---- the number and vulnerability of people and places, ---- the severity of the hazard event, acknowledging that one aspect cannot take precedence over the other.**

- A) whether / or
- B) not only / but also
- C) the more / the more
- D) either / or
- E) neither / nor

**17-21: For these questions, choose the best word or expression to fill the spaces in the passage.**

Family is the basic unit of a society and the prevalence of nuclear as well as extended family forms in societies **(17)** --- a whole, or within segments of these societies is nothing new. A controversy, though, has long been prominent in the sociological literature on how to define these concepts. The far-reaching effects of technological development, particularly that of industrialisation, **(18)** --- family life make it harder to define them. These issues could be clarified to some extent at least **(19)** --- a meaningful and valid definition of the concepts of nuclear and extended family, and of concepts referring to intervening family forms between these two poles, could be agreed upon. Only then, we **(20)** --- a more accurate basis for describing, classifying, and determining the relative frequency of a particular family type in a society regardless of its technological development. We might also have the chance to **(21)** --- futile discussions stemming from definitions of concepts rather than actual facts of family life.

17.

- A) yet  
C) as  
E) if
- B) for  
D) so

18.

- A) among  
C) for  
E) through
- B) on  
D) in

19.

- A) if  
C) so that  
E) until
- B) although  
D) unless

20.

- A) had to have  
C) must have  
E) should have had
- B) might have had  
D) would have

21.

- A) expose  
C) nurture  
E) spare
- B) trigger  
D) raise

**22-26: For these questions, choose the best word or expression to fill the spaces in the passage.**

Current research is focused on identifying genetic changes that affect disease risk and that are common in the general population. **(22)** ---- each of these variations slightly increases an individual's risk, having changes in several different genes may combine to increase disease risk significantly. Changes in many genes, each with a small effect, may underlie susceptibility to many common diseases, including cancer, obesity, diabetes, heart disease and mental illness. Researchers are working to gauge an individual's risk **(23)** ---- developing a common disease based on the combination of variants in many genes across their genome. In people with a genetic predisposition, the risk of disease **(24)** ---- on multiple factors, not only on an identified genetic change. These include other genetic factors, lifestyle and environmental factors. A person's genetic makeup cannot be altered; **(25)** ---- , some lifestyle and environmental modifications can help to an extent. Having more frequent disease screenings and **(26)** ---- a healthy weight may be able to reduce disease risk in those with a genetic predisposition.

**22.**

- A) Since  
B) Unless  
C) While  
D) As if  
E) Given that

**23.**

- A) off  
B) for  
C) by  
D) on  
E) into

**24.**

- A) had to depend  
B) must depend  
C) would depend  
D) can depend  
E) has to depend

**25.**

- A) in short  
B) otherwise  
C) conversely  
D) namely  
E) nevertheless

**26.**

- A) maintaining  
B) evoking  
C) acquiring  
D) reducing  
E) obtaining