

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

1. Considering our hectic lives with tight schedules and busy agendas, those who ---- regular exercise and receive nutrition that hardly meets the energy requirements of such a life only increase their susceptibility to diseases.
- A) take up B) refrain from
C) stick to D) look for
E) cut down
2. The rising number of tourists in Rome has already caused annoyance among residents, and the solution ---- the conflicts between tourists, tourism suppliers and inhabitants are nowhere ---- sight for the time being.
- A) of / by B) above / into
C) into / on D) for / out of
E) to / in
3. Though it bears certain similarities to traditional marketing, social media marketing focuses more on online marketing and ---- creating and sharing content on social media networks in order to reach marketing and branding goals.
- A) refuses B) avoids
C) entails D) assembles
E) concludes
4. Journalism as an academic discipline adopts the scientific method, which is intimately connected with the ---- of facts and related data in the first place prior to deeper analysis, assessment and reportage of evidence.
- A) evaluation B) proposition
C) explanation D) accumulation
E) assumption
5. Even in Chaplin's later years, his work continued to take precedence over everything and everyone else; besides, his ---- perfectionism resulted in days of effort and thousands of feet of film being wasted, all at enormous expense.
- A) relentless B) intricate
C) vital D) artificial
E) premeditated
6. Of the chosen *Time 100: The Most Important People of the Century*, Albert Einstein was chosen as the Person of the Century, ---- he was the preeminent scientist in a century dominated by science.
- A) on condition that B) for fear that
C) even though D) as long as
E) on the grounds that
7. Despite enjoying an unrivalled leadership and profits for a long time, the U.S. auto industry nearly collapsed ---- increased foreign competition back in 1970s.
- A) by means of B) thanks to
C) due to D) in spite of
E) prior to
8. A rhetorical question is one ---- which the questioner does not expect a direct answer: in many cases, it may be intended to start a discourse, or ---- a means of displaying or emphasizing the speaker's or author's opinion on a topic.
- A) for / as B) in / from
C) of / by D) with / through
E) to / for
9. Authors of fiction must make sure that the characters, setting and plot are compelling and convincing ---- they are appreciated by readers and reach a wider audience.
- A) so B) because
C) unless D) given that
E) so that

10. Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder ---- to run in families and, in most cases, it is thought that the genes ---- from parents are a significant factor in developing the condition.
- A) tended / inheriting
B) tends / inherited
C) has tended / having inherited
D) is tending / to inherit
E) will tend / to be inherited
11. Hyperbole is frequently employed in poetry as it emphasizes and evokes strong feelings, thus ---- strong impressions, but it is usually not meant ---- literally given the use of exaggeration as a figure of speech.
- A) to create / to be taking
B) create / taking
C) to be creating / to take
D) created / taken
E) creating / to be taken
12. Seeds serve several functions for the plants that produce them ---- nourishment of the embryo, dispersal to a new location, and dormancy during unfavourable conditions.
- A) other than
B) despite
C) except for
D) such as
E) because of
13. When a crocodilian is concerned about its safety, it will expose the teeth and tongue and make hissing sounds, but if these don't work, it will start to change its posture ---- to make itself look more intimidating.
- A) subsequently
B) naively
C) radically
D) voluntarily
E) perpetually
14. For a nation or society ---- harmony and peace in the long run, all state and business organizations together with citizen initiatives ---- the responsibility to create a substantial safety net for the miserable in society.
- A) to be ensured / can shoulder
B) ensuring / might shoulder
C) to have ensured / could shoulder
D) to ensure / must shoulder
E) ensured / have to shoulder
15. Symphonies gained ---- popularity in the 18th century ---- they detached completely from opera and turned into the most revered instrumental genre of the era.
- A) no sooner / than
B) as / as
C) more / than
D) so / that
E) such / that

16-20: For these questions, choose the best word or expression to fill the spaces in the passage.

Sleep plays an important role in consolidating memory, **(16)** ---- the immune system, and other vital processes. As a result, a lack of quality sleep may result in a host of symptoms that you may not immediately connect to sleep. Excessive daytime sleepiness, **(17)** ----, is something to take seriously as it affects between 10% and 20% of the American population. Research suggests it is a serious threat **(18)** ---- the rise. The 2020 Sleep in America Poll found that Americans report **(19)** ---- sleepy an average of three days a week, and experience significant effects on mood and physical health as a result. **(20)** ---- the fact that it is not a disorder in itself, excessive daytime sleepiness should be taken care of as your body may be trying to tell you that you are not getting enough sleep, or it may be raising red flags about a sleep disorder or other health condition.

16.

- A) destroying B) attacking
C) restoring D) tempting
E) enriching

17.

- A) as a consequence B) in contrast
C) for example D) on the other hand
E) in other words

18.

- A) on B) to
C) in D) at
E) of

19.

- A) to feel B) felt
C) to be felt D) feel
E) feeling

20.

- A) Due to B) In spite of
C) Similar to D) Contrary to
E) Along with

21-30: For these questions, choose the best option to complete the given sentence.

21. Whereas anxiety involves the panic accompanying thinking about an impending threat, ----.

- A) many fear that overcoming present problems will take a long time
- B) fear signifies a response to a threat that is present
- C) people with anxiety disorders can experience such conditions more frequently
- D) certain brain areas are active when one is scared
- E) the role of fear in preventing effective learning needs further research

22. Some types of weather are easy to attribute to climate change ----.

- A) so the effects of climate change on hurricanes are still unknown
- B) if the frequency of hurricanes and the damage they cause did not change from basin to basin
- C) yet hurricanes have also increased in intensity over the past two or three decades
- D) but with hurricanes, things are a bit more complicated
- E) whereas climate change will lead to an increase in the number of hurricanes

23. ----; controversially, it is also closely connected with a number of environmental issues.

- A) Swidden agriculture is by far the dominant land use system that provides various valuable subsistence products to local farmers
- B) Human beings are known to have practiced a variety of agriculture systems with significant differences across farming societies
- C) There is very limited information on the basic geographical and demographic data of swidden agriculture
- D) Archaeologists have gathered enough evidence of more advanced farming methods, such as irrigation and terracing
- E) Swidden agriculture has been abandoned due to diverse market-oriented and exploitative land use types

24. ----, which is a truth that also applies to academic institutions which depend largely on having motivated, high-performing researchers on board.

- A) A range of abilities such as verbal, musical, spatial and naturalistic are required for certain professions
- B) It has been theorized that people do not have just one, but many kinds of intelligence
- C) In the business world, it is often said that a company is only as good as its employees
- D) Abilities rather than personality traits of managers should have priority in business life
- E) Many marketers utilize multiple means and integrate various senses into their advertisements

25. The sunlight intensity on some parts of the earth significantly varies over the course of the year ---.

- A) but sunlight is driving evaporation and precipitation patterns while creating winds
- B) if energy from the sun reaches all areas with equal strength
- C) as the earth constantly changes its orientation in space
- D) so sunlight causes water to evaporate from plants, soils, and bodies of water.
- E) yet the sun provides energy for living organisms, and it drives our planet's weather and climate patterns

27. Although kindness was considered something of a soft topic for decades, ----.

- A) most people would probably say they have a good idea about what it means to be kind
- B) it has recently begun to be taken seriously within academic research
- C) just hearing that someone else has behaved kindly can motivate us to do the same
- D) there is not much that we know about it from experiments conducted in the lab
- E) neuroscientific research shows that our brains have a different emotional response to it

26. Since knowing the expected salary upfront lets candidates understand whether a job will be financially viable for them, ----.

- A) they are often disappointed when companies don't post information regarding salaries in their job adverts
- B) most human resource departments do their best to support new recruits with better perks
- C) employers don't publicise how much they pay to avoid resentment among their current employees
- D) in an ideal world, every candidate doing the same job would make the same amount of money when they start
- E) many employers also withhold salary information to give them more negotiation leverage with potential candidates

28. When sea otters, which mainly feed on sea urchins, are lost from an ecosystem, ----.

- A) otters' effect on seagrasses may also benefit the climate if they do make a comeback in the near future
- B) their massive appetites can diminish fishing opportunities for commercial operations and subsistence-based indigenous communities
- C) ecosystems are not able to restore what they have lost as quickly as many people imagine
- D) we can help restore missing keystone predators, making things right in a lot of surprising ways
- E) sea urchin numbers can skyrocket, causing the annihilation of sea grass which form a habitat for numerous marine species

29. Although the idea of "wildlife" is taken to mean animals not bred or controlled by humans, ----.

- A) increasingly, wild animals are not just left alone to live their own lives
- B) some animal diseases can be found in the world of agriculture, where trading animals is commonplace
- C) the farming industry is not the only domain of human life you will find such animals
- D) a nature and wildlife protection movement has grown over the last two centuries
- E) animals have always been a part of human lives and economies

30. While it is tempting to assume that anyone who refuses a vaccine does so on the same grounds or assumptions, ----.

- A) there certain groups that benefit more from the protection provided by such vaccines throughout the world
- B) many online commentators claim that the vaccine hesitant people are simply ignorant or selfish, which is quite unfair
- C) vaccine choices are often the result of many complicating factors that need to be addressed sensitively
- D) even a delay in deciding whether to get a shot or not is considered a threat to health because viral infections spread very quickly
- E) the reasonable fears of most vaccine hesitant people should not be confused with the bizarre theories of fixed anti-vaxxers