

1. According to psychologists, however unethical some professions may seem, the more money and benefits people start to earn in a specific occupation, the more ---- they become to their own justifications or beliefs about what they do.

- A) mundane
- B) acceptable
- C) adherent
- D) imposed
- E) distinguished
- F)

2. Poverty, lack of social security, the increasing gap between the rich and the poor all affect children more than any other age group due largely to their ---- lack of the skills and means to guard themselves.

- A) sheer
- B) intentional
- C) lucid
- D) precise
- E) effective

3. Our reliance on natural resources is on the rise, and despite this, the ---- of the resources is accelerating at an alarming rate as we are using them faster than they can be restored.

- A) exhaustion
- B) assumption
- C) oppression
- D) institution
- E) extinction

4. Human beings undergo many changes related to physical growth and cognitive development as they ---- from birth to infancy to childhood and adulthood.

- A) emerge
- B) deter
- C) benefit
- D) prevent
- E) move

5. Today, the common view is that women ---- have all the same legal rights as men, and any kind of discrimination in workplaces is illegal and should not be tolerated, but rather, strongly discouraged.

- A) lucidly
- B) effortlessly
- C) absolutely
- D) inadvertently
- E) vaguely

6. Those opting for a vegetarian diet ---- a long list of advantages of avoiding meat, but some experts warn and remind us that we should consume meat even in small portions.

- A) look up
- B) bring down
- C) take after
- D) put forward
- E) figure out

7. The Chinese ---- the world so much so that many things we use in the present day, from paper money to gunpowder, owe their existence to inventions ---- from since ancient China.

- A) had changed / having come
- B) have changed / coming
- C) are changing / to have come
- D) changed / to come
- E) change / come

8. We do not exactly know how life ---- on Earth or in the universe, but we have enough evidence to think that Earthlike life ---- on Mars in the distant past.

- A) has appeared / should have evolved
- B) had appeared / may have evolved
- C) appears / must have evolved
- D) was appearing / would have evolved
- E) appeared / could have evolved

9. Embryonic development ---- intricate coordination of molecular, cellular, and tissue-level processes that ---- according to strict schedules of time and location.

- A) involved / had to occur
- B) had involved / should have occurred
- C) involves / must occur
- D) would involve / could occur
- E) has involved / might occur

10. Europeans introduced some new technology and food ---- the Americas during the Age of Discovery, but they were far from being ---- any benefit to native civilizations, which would not become evident until much later.

- A) in / with
- B) by / on
- C) off / at
- D) to / of
- E) on / from

11. Scientists say that ---- the coming 25 or 30 years, total rainfall will be heavier in many parts of the world, but the periods ---- rains will most likely grow longer, hotter and drier.

- A) within / among
- B) over / between
- C) in / into
- D) towards / at
- E) for / onwards

12. Researchers have come to the conclusion that calorie restriction tends to prolong life in several animal species, but ---- it leads to longer life spans in humans has been unclear.

- A) also
- B) since
- C) whether
- D) unless
- E) when

13. It is no surprise for researchers to see the square form in coins in the middle ages as well ---- there were all possible shapes for coins, be it oval, circular, polygonal or other in almost all the countries' coins in the world.

- A) as if
- B) because
- C) so that
- D) given that
- E) as long as

14. Genetic material from some animals are fairly difficult to obtain ---- these species live only on certain small islands or in remote parts of the world.

- A) after
- B) because
- C) until
- D) in case
- E) so

15. Traveling, the so-called ages-old sage instructing those ready to learn, ---- short-term ---- for an extensive period of time, can offer a valuable experience that one could easily apply to almost any given task as it is experience itself that counts not its duration.

- A) not / but
- B) such / that
- C) so / that
- D) either / or
- E) whether / or

16. Singapore is ranked as the economy, which has made the most progress ---- financial reforms and liberalization in the last decade.

- A) with regard to
- B) with a view to
- C) on behalf of
- D) except for
- E) compared to