

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) radically

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2. Many pharaohs who ruled during the New Kingdom as the sole authority throughout the country based their administration in Thebes and ---- power from there.

- A) prevented
- B) derived
- C) disturbed
- D) separated
- E) exercised

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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

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4. ---- as a miracle in the 1950s, the potent bug killer DDT promised freedom from malaria, typhus and other insect-borne diseases.

- A) To hail
- B) Hailed
- C) To be hailed
- D) Hailing
- E) Having hailed

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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

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6. Some 55 million years ago – just ---- 10 million years after the mass ---- 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

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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

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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

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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. Off the southern coast of Italy, the largest active volcano in Europe lies hidden ---- the waves, and now scientists are trying to figure ---- what would happen if it erupted.

- A) amid / in
- B) beneath / out
- C) as / toward
- D) below / up
- E) between / for



12. When 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) in case
- B) given that
- C) although
- D) because
- E) so that

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13. Though they are ---- and 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

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15. Looking into corals is a labourious ---- , 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

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17. ---- our civilization progresses, technological advances allow humans and machines to achieve more than their predecessors, but improvements in sophistication are usually made at the expense of durability.

- A) In case
- B) As if
- C) Although
- D) As
- E) So that

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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