

1. Atmospheric rivers can be defined as long, narrow bands of moisture in the atmosphere that ---- from the tropics to higher latitudes.

- A) develop
- B) scratch
- C) devote
- D) emerge
- E) extend

2. In the aftermath of a big trauma, a therapist or team of therapists can conduct multiple sessions to help families deal with important issues that may ---- the functioning of the family and the home environment.

- A) carry on
- B) interfere with
- C) allow for
- D) depend on
- E) engage in

3. However promising the figures in the West may seem, a recent report on women studies suggests that there have only been very minor ---- in working women's pay over the past few years throughout Asia.

- A) incongruities
- B) reductions
- C) improvements
- D) discriminations
- E) justifications

4. Despite the global call for personal efforts to reduce our carbon footprint, there still remains little ---- for people to leave their cars at home when public transport costs so expensive in many parts of the world.

- A) incentive
- B) credibility
- C) frustration
- D) room
- E) permission

5. The increasing levels of spending on luxury items of the middle class is regarded as one of the most advantageous factors for any ---- economy, which has become a thing of the past given current economic crisis.

- A) flourishing
- B) imaginative
- C) disoriented
- D) susceptible
- E) underrated

6. It is believed by many that great writers, composers and scientists are ---- quite different from ordinary people.

- A) apathetically
- B) purposefully
- C) figuratively
- D) essentially
- E) inevitably

7. In one of her early studies, Dutch social psychologist Geert Hofstede ---- the concept of 'power distance' ---- how power is distributed and how hierarchy is perceived in different cultures.

- A) was used / describing
- B) had used / describe
- C) used / to describe
- D) has used / being described
- E) will use / to be described

8. Social media, magazines and shop windows ---- people daily with things to buy for so long, and British consumers ---- more clothes and shoes than ever before if this is not controlled soon.

- A) are bombarding / would buy
- B) bombarded / must buy
- C) had bombarded / should buy
- D) were bombarding / used to buy
- E) have bombarded / will buy

9. In Germany in 1812, the brothers Grimm, Jacob and Wilhelm, named their story collection *Children's and Household Tales* and published it, which ---- into more than 160 languages; and as a world publishing phenomenon, it ---- with the Bible today.

- A) has been translated / can compete
- B) translated / could be competing
- C) was translating / had to compete
- D) had translated / might be competed
- E) is being translated / may compete

10. In modern Chinese society different ideologies are fighting ---- each other in order to reap the enormous material benefits which have been possible thanks only ---- China's recent economic boom.

- A) on / during
- B) for / over
- C) against / to
- D) at / from
- E) through /by

11. Kaziranga National Park in India is home ---- two of the world's most endangered species: the tiger and the single-horned rhino, and not surprisingly, frightening encounters ---- these animals are usually inevitable.

- A) for / in
- B) to / with
- C) at / from
- D) of / outside
- E) between / under

12. ---- being a newly popularised term, the concept of the 'appropriate technology' in fact originated in the 1930s, when Gandhi claimed that the advanced technology of western industrialized nations did not represent the right route to progress for India.

- A) As well as
- B) Unlike
- C) Due to
- D) In spite of
- E) Contrary to

13. The anti-pollution message of the reverse graffiti artists confuses city authorities ---- the main argument against common graffiti is that it spoils the appearance of both types of property: public and private and pollutes environment.

- A) because
- B) as if
- C) whereas
- D) unless
- E) so that

14. In actual life, multiplicity of views prevails, which means a historic event can be understood differently by different people ---- where they stand and their stance, beliefs and aspirations to name but a few.

- A) in terms of
- B) depending on
- C) in contrast to
- D) in order for
- E) aside from

15. Given that what the future holds is a mystery and we have no way of knowing what is to come next, it is ---- likely for people to come across difficult situations ---- to experience good ones, and it is your stance that really matters.

- A) not / but
- B) both / and
- C) as / as
- D) either / or
- E) so / as

16. Some people have a tendency to put the blame on others for everything all the time ---- thinking that they might be the real culprit and they can sometimes do wrong things as well.

- A) in terms of
- B) as opposed to
- C) thanks to
- D) rather than
- E) despite

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

The World Bank stopped financing hydroelectric dam projects in developing countries twenty years (17) ---- criticism that such projects were harming local communities and the environment. (18) ----, Nam Theun 2 Dam on the Mekong River is the showpiece for the bank's new policy of supporting sustainable hydropower projects. This dam is part of a longer-term strategy to revitalize the economy and become the battery of South-East Asia. The bank says that to deal with the current issue, lessons (19) ---- from the projects of the sixties and seventies when people were forced to resettle and whole areas of forest or agricultural land were flooded. When it comes to clean sources of energy, the bank thinks hydropower is the best solution in a world where 1.5 billion people have no access (20) ---- electricity. In 2010 the dam brought \$5.6 million in sales of electricity and it is estimated that during the next 25 years Nam Theun 2 will (21) ---- around \$2 billion-worth electricity to Laos, one of Asia's poorest countries, since most of the electricity will be sold to its power-hungry neighbour, Thailand.

17.

- A) in terms of B) because of
C) in addition to D) on behalf of
E) let alone

18.

- A) Otherwise B) For example
C) However D) In other words
E) Therefore

19.

- A) should be learnt B) will have been learnt
C) used to be learnt D) had to be learnt
E) might have been learnt

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- A) of B) by
C) with D) to
E) for

21.

- A) import B) develop
C) transform D) consume
E) generate

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

One of the most interesting places to stay at can be prison hotels and one such hotel, built in 1905, Karosta naval jail in Latvia was originally intended **(22)** ---- disobedient Russian sailors. In the 1970s, it housed political prisoners, too. According to their current website this is 'an opportunity to stay overnight on real prisoners' benches and mattresses'. **(23)** ---- most hotel publicity, the website goes on to describe Karosta proudly as 'unfriendly, unheated and uncomfortable'. Interestingly enough, they **(24)** ---- as this is more a reality jail experience than a hotel. 'Reception' is a dark corridor where a former prison guard explains the rules to you: no luggage except a toothbrush, no attempts to escape, and then fires his gun in the air to '**(25)** ---- peace and order.' After a meal of bread and sweet Russian tea, 'guests' are given five minutes to wash **(26)** ---- making up their own bed from a wooden bench and thin mattress for the long night ahead. And the cost is \$12 per night, which is the approximate fare for prisons. How long such a hotel concept can survive remains to be seen, **(27)** ----.

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- A) at B) by
C) to D) for
E) with

23.

- A) In contrast to B) According to
C) With a view to D) Similar to
E) Owing to

24.

- A) were not lying B) do not lie
C) are not lying D) didn't lie
E) haven't lied

25.

- A) trigger B) elucidate
C) maintain D) revive
E) inhabit

26.

- A) when B) unless
C) while D) though
E) before

27.

- A) though B) otherwise
C) as a result D) for example
E) in contrast

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