

1 - 16: For these questions, choose the best word or expression to fill the space.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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
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
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
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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