

VERBAL ABILITY

MODULE 3 - SENTENCE COMPLETION

Directions: Complete the sentences by filling in the blank/blanks with an appropriate answer from the options provided.

1. I want someone who is willing to dedicate himself to the job and will not -----.
 - a. jump the gun
 - b. cut corners
 - c. cross the bridge when one gets there
 - d. get bent out of shape

2. The machinery in the factory is old and ----- . It is always ----- .
 - a. worn out – breaking down
 - b. fallen apart – coming out
 - c. broken up – tearing down
 - d. worn away – giving away

3. I can't wait till I get to the climax of the book to -----who the killer is.
 - a. make up
 - b. go along with
 - c. think over
 - d. find out

4. In this day and age of social media, it is extremely easy to -----someone based entirely on appearances.
 - a. look up to
 - b. look over
 - c. look at
 - d. look into

5. She could have gone places and achieved great things but her ego and her inability to get along with people -----
-----.
 - a. held her up
 - b. broke her down
 - c. held her back
 - d. held her down

6. He's got a sharp_____. He might just get into trouble if he isn't careful.
- a. tongue
 - b. mouth
 - c. intellect
 - d. vision
7. His interest in the study of Forensic pathology is indeed very_____.
- a. strong
 - b. large
 - c. deep
 - d. vast
8. Every week, in the office, one hour is_____to games and sports.
- a. conferred
 - b. dedicated
 - c. conceded
 - d. devoted
9. A committee has been_____to_____the transformation of the city into an International finance centre.
- a. constituted....convert
 - b. appointed. ..oversee
 - c. converged. ..evaluate
 - d. inaugurated....determine
10. If you plan to go trekking, you must get yourself a sturdy pair of shoes that will give you good----- on slippery surfaces.
- a. tread
 - b. cover
 - c. purchase
 - d. tramp

Grammar-based:

1. The students -----French next year.
 - a. is learning
 - b. must be learning
 - c. will have learnt
 - d. will be learning
2. I ----- on the presentation for two hours before I went to sleep.
 - a. have worked
 - b. had worked
 - c. will work
 - d. was working
3. The club has changed its administration and brought about some changes, but unfortunately -----changes do not seem to include fair practices.
 - a. a
 - b. an
 - c. No article
 - d. the
4. The project is not due -----a week, so I can afford to take it easy.
 - a. in
 - b. during
 - c. over
 - d. for
5. I had a lot of material on test preparation -----I didn't know where to start.
 - a. but
 - b. and
 - c. moreover
 - d. so

Word-based:

1. The bus met with an accident and was _____the traffic, so he had a hard time driving through the downtown.
 - a. obstructing
 - b. obviating
 - c. hiding
 - d. disturbing
2. Some people _____themselves into believing that, they are the only honest and hardworking employees in the company.
 - a. keep
 - b. fool
 - c. delude
 - d. force
3. Apurva made some _____remarks to the Indian Prime Minister. She was soundly chastised by his co-reporters.
 - a. irreverent
 - b. reverent

- c. flattering
- d. complimentary

4. James Hadley Chase was a _____ writer who intrigued readers with his plots that took unexpected twists.

- a. profuse
- b. copious
- c. prolific
- d. abundant

5. Saurav had the _____ experience of being seated next to a garrulous passenger on his recent train journey.

- a. pleasant
- b. quiet
- c. nice
- d. galling

6. My father did not approve of some of my friends and he said that I was _____ in choosing them.

- a. choosy
- b. selective
- c. particular
- d. indiscriminate

7. With his _____ eyesight, Raghav spotted the military jet streaking in the sky.

- a. inferior
- b. poor
- c. keen
- d. myopic

8. The government exhorted citizens to report any crime witnessed by them as otherwise it could be construed as being _____ in that crime.

- a. disinterested
- b. complicit
- c. adept
- d. absorbed

9. Moyna is _____ writing stories because she was well honed by her job as a reporter in a leading newspaper.

- a. proficient in
- b. incapable of
- c. incompetent at
- d. slovenly in

10. If you will not do your work on your own _____, I have no choice but to penalize you if it is not done on time.

- a. preference
- b. coercion
- c. excursion
- d. volition

2 blanks:

1. Challenges must be _____ to realize the _____ of a greater regional economic integration.

- a. overcome ...potential
- b. suppressed. ..power

- c. ignored... benefits
- d. sustained... advantages

2. For silent movies to succeed, the quality of acting has to be _____ as there are no _____ dialogues or music for support.

- a. mediocre ...engaging
- b. sublime ...intimate
- c. realistic ...melodramatic
- d. extraordinary. ..mesmerizing

3. Sports for the visually challenged, _____ their confidence and help them to mingle with the _____ of society.

- a. plummet... elite
- b. boost ...mainstream
- c. abate... cream
- d. curb... best

4. Although he puts in _____ of overtime and takes only a few holidays, he _____ cannot support his family.

- a. sufficient. ..however
- b. lot... besides
- c. much. ..thus
- d. plenty... still

5. I have never _____ such a problem and therefore confess I have no _____ to it.

- a. left alone ...inhibitions
- b. chickened at... solution
- c. dreaded. ..panacea
- d. come across. ..ready-made answer

6. The Maruti has become so _____, that snobbish customers, who believe their tastes are superior to others, are _____ buy this car of the masses.

- a. reputed. ..shirking from
- b. sought after... queuing to
- c. ubiquitous. ..disinclined to
- d. affordable. ..waiting to

7. Technology may have changed the way alliances are fixed in India (now at the click of a button) but the _____ still is arranged marriages with even most youngsters _____ the practice.

- a. preference ...loathing
- b. norm. ..endorsing
- c. practice ...customizing
- d. tradition. ...avoiding

8. The city remained _____ for years after the hurricane's destruction. Efforts to rebuild were largely _____.

- a. blighted. ..successful
- b. underwater... effective
- c. barren... isolated
- d. desolate....abortive

9. _____ clearly when giving a speech. You will be misunderstood if you slur your speech or _____.

- a. pontificate. ..whisper
- b. enunciate.... mumble
- c. speak articulate
- d. murmur drawl

10. The famous pop singer tragically died at age fifty. This was an _____ loss for his _____ fans.
- awful. .. healthy
 - amazing. ..dubious
 - irreparable... devoted
 - emotional... heavy

Home Exercise:

- I ran back to the cafe in which I had had lunch and _____, but nobody had seen my phone.
 - asked around
 - asked to
 - asked over
 - asked aside
- The show, which began very well and had some interesting twists and turns, has now _____ to a run-of-the-mill family melodrama.
 - set up
 - struck down
 - given up
 - boiled down
- She hadn't eaten all day, and by the time she got home she was _____.
 - impaired
 - exhausted
 - ravenous
 - pallid
- Mustaq unwittingly _____ the burglar by giving him way and ensuring his escape.
 - blocked
 - abetted
 - coerced
 - halted
- The manager would _____ her subordinates into a discussion by asking a few searching questions.
 - hound
 - subdue
 - prejudice
 - provoke
- While grizzly bears have long, flat, and somewhat blunt claws, black bears have short, curved, _____ claws.
 - obtuse
 - abominable
 - barren
 - acute
- The kenjogo or humble language used in Japanese to refer to oneself and the sonkigo or honorific language used to describe the interlocutor are often toned down in English translation, as more accurate renderings might sound _____ to an ear accustomed to more egalitarian phrasings.
 - servile
 - loquacious
 - hostile
 - circumspect
- The doctor takes note of any _____ blemishes on the patient's skin; such abnormalities are often _____ of skin cancer.
 - irregular. symptoms

- b. typical...clues
- c. small...indications
- d. common... causes

9. While other corporations have _____ as a result of the economic depression, ours has _____.

- a. decreased. ..declined
- b. improved.....spread
- c. suffered. ..grown
- d. disappeared.. retreated

10. Due to Blake's _____ attitude, many were _____ to trust him as camp counselor.

- a. good. ..unwilling
- b. apathetic. ..compelled
- c. positive ...hesitant
- d. uncaring... reluctant

11. It is clear that there is a _____ in their midst. Yet, the _____ soldiers hesitate to accuse one of their own.

- a. traitor. ..loyal
- b. weapon. ..dangerous
- c. general. ..disrespectful
- d. enemy. ..cunning

12. Attendance is not _____; employees are _____ to arrive at the meeting at 8:00 sharp.

- a. expected... demanded
- b. practical. ..needed
- c. optional... required
- d. necessary. ..challenged

13. The _____ mountain peaks soared up into the clouds, while the cool riverbed lay low in the _____.

- a. compact....apex
- b. bottomless....pinnacle
- c. distant. ..point
- d. towering... valley

14. The audience at the performance was _____. Dancers were repeatedly_____.

- a. gracious....criticized
- b. disrespectful. ..praised
- c. supportiveapplauded
- d. helpful.....ostracized

15. Though we may not always agree with the politicians in power, living in a democracy is a.....People in many parts of the world don't enjoy similar_____.

- a. burden. ..expectations
- b. right. ..oppression
- c. privilege... liberties
- d. advantage... dangers

16. The practice of purchasing books was primarily a _____ of the well-to-do until the early 1900s, when the increased popularity of dime novels, an expansion of the number of bookstores, and the introduction of the paperback made books _____ the average man.

- a. tragedy... dislikable to
- b. prerogative.....attainable to
- c. plight... excitable to
- d. privilege.....achievable by

17. As Molly was practising Spanish with her friends before their trip to Chile, she discovered that although she could comprehend her friends, she could not _____ her thoughts in the _____ language.
- a. acknowledge inherent
 - b. articulate unfamiliar
 - c. disencumber objective
 - d. enunciate familiar
18. There are as yet no vegetation types or ecosystems whose study has been _____ to the extent that they no longer _____ ecologists.
- a. exhausted...interest
 - b. prevented.....hinder
 - c. delayed..... require
 - d. undertaken...involve
19. Since 1813, reaction to Jane Austen's novels has oscillated between _____ and condescension; but in general later writers have esteemed her works more highly than did most of her literary _____.
- a. dismissal...admirers
 - b. adoration..... contemporaries
 - c. disapproval...precursors
 - d. reverencecritics
20. Whereas the art critic Vasari saw the painting entitled the Mona Lisa as an original and wonderful _____ feat, the reproduction of a natural object, the aesthetes saw it as _____ that required deciphering.
- a. collaborativean aberration
 - b. technical...a hieroglyph
 - c. historical...an illusion
 - d. archaica puzzle