

A Choose the correct answer.

Criticism

It can (1) a long time to become successful in your chosen field, however (2) you are. One thing you have to be (3) of is that you will face criticism along the way. The world is (4) of people who would rather say something negative than positive. If you've made up your (5) to achieve a certain goal, such as writing a novel, don't let the negative criticism of others (6) you from reaching your target, and let constructive criticism have a positive (7) on your work. If someone says you're totally (8) in talent, ignore them. That's negative criticism. If, however, someone (9) you to revise your work and gives you good reasons for doing so, you should (10) their suggestions carefully. There are many film stars who were once out of (11) There are many famous novelists who made a complete (12) of their first novel – or who didn't, but had to (13) approaching hundreds of publishers before they could get it published. Being successful does (14) on luck, to a certain extent. But things are more likely to (15) well if you persevere and stay positive.

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| 1 A be | B have | C take | D do |
| 2 A talented | B invested | C mixed | D workable |
| 3 A alert | B clever | C intelligent | D aware |
| 4 A overflowing | B full | C filled | D packed |
| 5 A mind | B brain | C thought | D idea |
| 6 A cease | B remove | C avoid | D prevent |
| 7 A outcome | B result | C effect | D consequence |
| 8 A lacking | B short | C missing | D absent |
| 9 A suggests | B advises | C proposes | D explains |
| 10 A think | B consider | C look round | D take |
| 11 A career | B business | C job | D work |
| 12 A mess | B rubbish | C trash | D garbage |
| 13 A put off | B bank on | C keep on | D drop in on |
| 14 A require | B need | C depend | D trust |
| 15 A turn out | B come into | C deal with | D sail through |

(1 mark per answer)

B Choose the correct answer.

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| 16 Ed at the clock and realised he was late for the meeting.
A glimpsed B observed
C glanced D watched | 19 I want to take these jeans back because they're too small but I can't find the anywhere.
A recipe B receipt
C receiver D reception |
| 17 What's the entrance for the outdoor music festival?
A ticket B fare
C price D fee | 20 I'll pick up a on the way home and then we won't have to cook.
A takeaway B fast food
C delivery D microwave |
| 18 Don't the potatoes in oil; that's so unhealthy!
A fry B boil
C bake D grill | 21 Certificates provide proof of your
A qualities B diplomas
C qualifications D ambitions |