

Fill in the Blanks

Pick out the most effective word from the given words to fill in the blank in each sentence to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

1. They work hard not because of the ____, but because of their inner urge.
1) desire 2) drive 3) energy 4) incentive 5) motivation
2. His ____ background has made him so docile.
1) famous 2) lucrative 3) rich 4) advanced 5) humble
3. It is ____ for everyone to abide by the laws of the land.
1) expected 2) obligatory 3) meant 4) optional 5) recommended
4. ____ he is a hard worker, his quality of work is not of a desirable level.
1) Despite 2) Because 3) Although 4) Somehow 5) However
5. In spite of repeated instructions, he ____ the same mistakes.
1) commits 2) detects 3) corrects 4) imitates 5) exhibits
6. Rohit _____ a huge library and has a large collection of books in it
1) Wants 2) has 3) wanted 4) had 5) needs
7. Rachna liked her room to be exactly the way she left it and she would _____ allow anyone to touch her things.
1) Always 2) sometimes 3) willingly 4) never 5) certainly
8. Elephants are the largest living land animals _____ earth today.
1) In 2) and 3) on 4) like 5) at
9. Josephine was elated because the doctor confirmed the news _____ her pregnancy.
1) Like 2) of 3) with 4) after 5) in
10. It _____ been estimated that there may be many millions of species of plants, insects and microorganisms still undiscovered in tropical rainforests.
1) Have 2) will 3) should 4) has 5) shall

Each question below has two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Find out which option can be used to fill up the blank in the sentence in the same sequence to make it meaningfully complete.

11. The water transport project on the west coast is _____ to get a shot in the arm with a new plan in which the Road Development Corporation will build the

infrastructure and _____ a private party to operate the service.

- 1) Scheduled, let 2) Verge, permit 3) Set, sanctions
4) Slated, allow 5) Bound, task

12. As the weekend finally rolled around, the city folk were only _____ happy to settle down and laugh their cares _____.

- 1) just, afar 2) too, away 3) extremely, off
4) very, up 5) so, on

13. The flood of brilliant ideas has not only _____ us, but has also encouraged us to _____ the last date for submission of entries.

- 1) overwhelmed, extend 2) enjoyed, stretch 3) dismayed, decide
4) scared, scrap 5) happy, boundary

14. _____ about prolonged power cuts in urban areas, the authorities have decided to _____ over to more reliable and eco-friendly systems to run its pumps.

- 1) Worried, shift 2) Frantic, move 3) Troubled, jump
4) Concerned, switch 5) Endangered, click

15. The high cutoff marks this year have _____ college admission-seekers to either _____ for lesser known colleges or change their subject preferences.

- 1) cajoled, ask 2) pressured, sit 3) forced, settle
4) strained, compromise 5) entrusted, wait

16. Behaving in a _____ and serious way, even in a _____ situation, makes people respect you.

- 1) calm, difficult 2) steady, angry 3) flamboyant, tricky
4) cool, astounding 5) silly, sound

17. Along with a sharp rise in _____, a recession would eventually result in more men, women and children living in _____.

- 1) crime, apathy 2) fatalities, poor 3) deaths, slums
4) unemployment, poverty 5) migrations streets

18. The government has _____ to provide financial aid to the ones _____ by severe floods in the city.

- 1) desired, troubled 2) promised, havoc 3) failed, affected
4) wanted, struck 5) decided, ill

19. An airplane with _____ passengers on board made an unscheduled _____ as the airport to which it was heading was covered with thick fog.

- 1) irritable, slip 2) faulty, stop 3) variety, halt
4) tons, wait 5) numerous, landing

20. Deemed universities _____ huge fees, but have not been successful in providing _____ education to our students.

- 1) collect, maintaining 2) pay, better 3) ask, good
4) charge, quality 5) demand, quantitative

In each of these questions, two sentences (I) and (II) are given. Each sentence has a blank in it. Five words 1,2,3,4 and 5 are suggested. Out of these, only one fits at both the places in the context of each sentence. The number of that word is the answer

21. I. The bird _____ out its feathers.

II. She _____ her interview at JNU.

- 1) shook 2) fluffed 3) vibrated 4) crossed 5) left

22. I. Instead of ending up in jail or in the _____ he was remarkably successful.

II. She rose from the _____ to become a great star.

- 1) dustbin 2) toilet 3) park 4) gutter 5) slum

23. I. The door is _____.

II. She feels very _____.

- 1) confident 2) confirm 3) insecure 4) strong 5) weak

24. I. She didn't want to go but her brother was _____.

II. He was most _____ he never used the word *traitor*.

- 1) confident 2) insistent 3) consistent 4) anxious 5) shy

25. I. He came to see me on the _____ of wanting to borrow a book.

II. We have to find a _____ for not going to the party.

- 1) reason 2) solution 3) way 4) excuse 5) pretext

26. Future generations will be left with a _____ of pollution and destruction.

II. They each received a _____ of \$ 10000.

- 1) Legacy 2) Sum 3) Fortune 4) Amount 5) Inheritable

27. I. He was _____ in bringing about an end to the conflict.

II. Mr. Hari Prasad Chaurasia is an exponent of _____ music

- 1) Instrument 2) Instrumental 3) Keen 4) Instructor 5) Popular

28. I. Many _____ men remarry and have second families.

II. When he was depressed, he felt utterly _____ from reality.

- 1) Divided 2) Separate 3) Disturbed 4) Divorced 5) Destined

29. I. Most of our employees get _____ abroad at some stage.

II. The aircraft and its crew were _____ missing.

- 1) Announced 2) Arrested 3) Sent 4) Posted 5) Stationed

30. I. He admired his ____ in the mirror.

II. The article is an accurate ____ of events that day.

1) Reflection 2) Description 3) Imagery 4) Photograph 5) Mirage

Answers

1 - 4	2 - 5	3 - 2	4 - 3	5 - 1	6 - 2	7 - 4	8 - 3	9 - 2	10 - 4
11 - 4	12 - 2	13 - 1	14 - 4	15 - 3	16 - 1	17 - 4	18 - 3	19 - 5	20 - 4
21 - 2	22 - 5	23 - 5	24 - 2	25 - 5	26 - 1	27 - 2	28 - 4	29 - 4	30 - 1