Single Fill in the Blanks

Directions (1-10): 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. Laxmi lost an important file, and rather than confessing her \_\_\_\_, she blamed Sandra for losing it.

1) respect     2) image 3) attitude     4) default 5) **mistake**

3. With increasing urbanization and the load on rural land, the government has now realized the need for cities that can cope with the challenges of urban living and also be magnets for investment. The announcement of ‘100 smart cities’ \_\_\_ in line with this vision.

1) falls      2) dip 3) **queued**      4) ready 5) plugged

4. His \_\_\_ background has made him so docile.

1) famous      2) lucrative     3) rich 4) advanced      5) **humble**

5. It is \_\_\_ for everyone to abide by the laws of the land.

1) expected      2) **obligatory**   3) meant 4) optional      5) recommended

6. Abdul burnt the midnight \_\_\_ to achieve his aim of securing the first position in his class

1) grass      2) incense   3) fire 4**) oil**       5) dark

7. \_\_\_\_\_ refers to the tendency of moving away from the axis

1) Axiomatic       2) Awry 3) Central       4) Centripetal 5**) Centrifugal**

8. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 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

9. In spite of repeated instructions, he \_\_\_ the same mistakes.

1) **commits**      2) detects 3) corrects      4) imitates 5) exhibits

10. Rohit \_\_\_\_\_\_a huge library and has a large collection of books in it.

1) Wants      2) **has** 3) wanted     4) had 5) needs

11. 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

12. Elephants are the largest living land animals \_\_\_\_\_\_\_earth today.

1) In     2) and **3) on**     4) like 5) at

13. There’s plenty of evidence that transferring kids to the adult criminal justice system for trial and conviction has \_\_\_ to prevent repetition of offences.

1**) finished**     2) developed 3) risen     4) failed 5) declined

14. Josephine was elated because the doctor confirmed the news \_\_\_\_\_\_her pregnancy.

1) like     2) of 3**) with**     4) after 5) in

15. He didn’t have the \_\_\_\_\_\_ idea of the villager’s problems.

1) Feebiest     2) Smallest 3) Finest     **4) Faintest**

16. 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

17. The girl ran \_\_\_\_\_\_\_the field. (across)

1) In     2) Through     3) Over 4) At 5) **None**

18. You must listen \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the question first.

1) at     2) none   3) over 4) **to**     5) for

19. The meeting was presided \_\_\_\_\_ the prime minister.

1) by     2) **over**    3) upon 4) at

20. So many servants attended \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ him during his illness.

1) **Upon**     2) To 3) With     4) About