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I. Choose the correct answer:

1. They were good friends. They _____ (know) each other for a long time since they _____ (go) to school together.
a) knew/went
b) had been knowing/go
c) had known/went
d) have known/went
2. I wish you _____ (tell) me about it in advance so I could _____ (come) to see you yesterday.
a) had told/have come
b) have told/come
c) told/come
d) tell/come
3. The appropriate vegetables and dessert _____ (decide upon), she gave herself to thoughts of her eldest daughter Myra, who, _____ (graduate) from Smith College several years before was still unmarried.
a) having decided upon/has graduated
b) being decided upon/ had graduated
c) had decided upon/graduated
d) having been decided upon/having graduated
4. My father has been working in Canada for the last year, so by the time he _____ (return) next month I not _____ (see) him for fourteen months.
a) will return/shall not see
b) returned/would have seen
c) returns/shall not have seen
d) return/will have not been seen
5. But for David he not _____ (slip) out of the affair like this. He is just a great talker _____ (not to trust) further.
a) did not slip/ have not trusted
b) would not have slipped/not to be trusted
c) have not slipped/has not trusted
d) will not slip/not to trust
6. The policeman received an unsigned letter that _____ (say) that the suspected _____ (see) to enter the office building.
a) was said/was seeing
b) said/had seen
c) was saying/was seen
d) said/had been seen
7. The export performance of many companies _____ (show) a striking improvement since devaluation first _____ (announce).
a) showed/has been announced
b) was showing/ had announced

- c) has shown/was first announced
- d) shows/has announced

8. A friend of mine _____ (return) to his house after a holiday to find it _____ (break into).

- a) has returned/broke into
- b) returned/had been broken into
- c) returned/was broken into
- d) will have returned/broke into

II. The following are incomplete sentences. Beneath each sentence you will see four words or phrases, marked (a), (b), (c) and (d). Choose the one word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

9.... to the issuance of stamps, letters were marked "paid" by pen and ink or hand stamps.

- a.In accordance
- b.Before
- c.Due.
- d.Prior

10. As a safety precaution, all city cab drivers carry only enough money to make change for a bill.

- a.ten-dollar
- b.ten-dollars
- c.tens-dollar
- d.tens-dollars

11. Dr. Jones ordered for the laboratory.

- a.two equipments
- b.two pieces of equipments
- c.two pieces of equipment
- d.two equipment pieces

12. My mother was of making a cake when the front door bell rang.

- a.at the centre
- b.on her way
- c.in the middle
- d.halfway through

13. The only feature to these two flowers is their preference to sandy soil.

- a.similar
- b.same
- c.shared
- d.common

14. To our, Geoffrey's illness proved not to be as serious as we had feared.

- a. anxiety
- b.eyes
- c. relief
- d. judgment

III. Choose the correct word to complete the sentence:

15. The death of his father has _____ him.

- a) effected
- b) affected

16. The restaurant was _____ a bank.

- a) formally
- b) formerly

17. I do not think you should try to _____ any more weight.

- a) lose
- b) loose

18. The teacher tried to elicit / illicit the answer from his students.

- a) illicit
- b) elicit

IV. By looking at the roots of the following words, choose the correct definition from your choice of (a) or (b):

- 19. anachronistic
 - a. out of date
 - b. deadly
- 20. fortitude
 - a. courage
 - b. wealth
- 21. rectitude
 - a. straightforwardness
 - b. squareness
- 22. intervene
 - a. to listen to
 - b. to come between
- 23. errant
 - a. wandering
 - b. mistaken
- 24. benevolent
 - a. desirous of doing good
 - b. hoping to succeed

V. *Temp-* is the Latin root with the meaning “time”. On the left there are five words dealing with time. Match them with the definitions on the right.

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| 25. Contemporary (a,b,c,d,e) | a. for the time being |
| 26. Temporize (a,b,c,d,e) | b. relative rate |
| 27. Tempo (a,b,c,d,e) | c. to set to gain time |
| 28. Extemporaneous (a,b,c,d,e) | d. of the same (historical) period |
| 29. Temporary (a,b,c,d,e) | e. said or composed on the spur of the moment |

VI. Choose the correct word to complete the proverbs given below:

30. Never put _____ till tomorrow what you can do today.

- a) away
- b) down
- c) off
- d) back

31. An hour in the morning is _____ two in the evening.

- a) better than
- b) worth
- c) wiser than
- d) more than

32 Time and _____ wait for no man.

- a) fire
- b) flood
- c) water
- d) tide

33. Good health is above _____

- a) all
- b) money

- c) wealth
- d) everything

Keys:

- I** 1c; 2a; 3d; 4c; 5b; 6d; 7c; 8b;
- II.** 9d; 10a; 11c; 12c; 13a; 14c.
- III.** 15b; 16b; 17a; 18b.
- IV.** 19a; 20b; 21a; 22b; 23a; 24a.
- V.** 25d; 26c; 27b; 28e; 29a.
- VI.**30c; 31b; 32d; 33c.