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I. Choose the correct answer:

1. Do you see that couple with two children in the corner? Their dessert _____ now. As soon as they _____ it, we will take their table.

- a) is served/ finished
- b) is serving/ will finish
- c) is being served/ will have finished
- d) is being served/ finish

2. Provided the dam _____ by June, the flood _____ all the seaside villages.

- a) was not built/ will have struck
- b) has not been built/ will strike
- c) won't be built/ will be striking
- d) won't have been built/ strikes

3. Dictionary-making, since computers _____ the routine out of it, _____ fun.

- a) have taken/ has been becoming
- b) had taken/ has become
- c) took/ has become
- d) are taking/ became

4. Remember _____ them tonight. They are said _____ from their holiday trip. We'd rather invite them to dinner.

- a) phoning/ to be returning
- b) to phone/ to have returned
- c) to phone/ to have been returning
- d) phoning/ to return

5. The appropriate requirements _____ with, the new company _____ under the ruling English law.

- a) having complied/ was being set up
- b) had been complied/ set up

- c) were complied/ was setting up
 - d) having been complied/ was set up
6. Rain forests play a crucial role in global climate regulation _____ carbon dioxide, a gas _____ partially responsible for global warming.
- a) absorbing/believes to be
 - b) by absorbing/believed to be
 - c) having absorbed/ believing to be
 - d) absorb/ is believed to be
7. _____ a taller man he _____ a perfect basketball player in his youth.
- a) Were he/ would have made
 - b) Had he been/ would make
 - c) Were he/ could make
 - d) Would he be/could have made
8. She would look much prettier if she stopped _____ so much make-up. Her hair also needs _____ at the ends.
- a) to wear/ to be curled
 - b) wearing/ to curl
 - c) wearing/ curling
 - d) to be wearing/to have curled

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. Carousels (from French ‘carrousel’, from Italian ‘carosello’), or _____, is an amusement ride consisting of a rotating circular platform with seats for riders.
- a) merrys-go-round
 - b) merry-go-rounds
 - c) merry-goes-round
 - d) merrys-go-rounds
10. The _____ speech at the peace talks made a deep influence on everybody.
- a) Minister of Foreign Trade’s
 - b) Minister of Foreign Trade’
 - c) Minister of Foreign Trades
 - d) Minister of Foreign Trades’
11. Most people who have mobile phones say that having one is simply a matter of _____.
- a) ease
 - b) handiness
 - c) utility
 - d) convenience

12. _____ I intend to discover the truth.

- a) In a way or another
- b) In one way or another
- c) In one way or other
- d) In some way or the other

13. They would not let me in the pub because I was _____ age.

- a) below
- b) under
- c) before
- d) of

14. Although the police made _____ about the missing car, it was never found.

- a) inquiries
- b) questions
- c) provisions
- d) offers

III. Choose the correct word to complete the sentence:

15. At the end of the performance the orchestra received a _____ ovation.

- a) standing
- b) stand-by

16. Certain research results show that exposure to cat's hairs is more likely to _____ an allergic reaction in left-handed people.

- a) trigger
- b) twigger

17. 'The Adventure of the Lion's _____' is one of the 56 Sherlock Holmes stories by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

- a) Maine
- b) Mane

18. After much research in the 1980s Donald Gunn, a creative director for an advertising agency, determined that nearly all _____ fall into one of twelve categories - or 'master formats'.

- a) ads
- b) adds

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

19. omnivorous

- a) edible
- b) interested in everything, like eating, reading, etc.

20. terrain

- a) land, rather than sea
- b) a particular type of land

21. vacate

- a) to leave a job or seat to make it available for others
- b) to go on holiday

22. ignominy

- a) mystery
- b) humiliation

23. erroneous

- a) wrong or incorrect
- b) sent on an errand

24. beneficent

- a) hoping to succeed
- b) resulting in something good

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

25. pedestrian	a) to try to sell things, especially by going from place to place
26. pedal	b) a carefully organized journey, especially to a dangerous or unfamiliar place
27. pedicure	c) a part in a car or a machine that you press to control it
28. peddle	d) someone who is walking, especially along a street or other place used by cars
29. expedition	e) a treatment for feet and toenails

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

30. A stitch in time saves _____.

- a) mine
- b) nine
- c) five
- d) two

31. Still waters run _____.

- a) deep
- b) fast
- c) quick
- d) best

32. Sticks and stones may break my _____, but names will never hurt me.

- a) neck
- b) ribs
- c) heart
- d) bones

33. A good beginning makes a _____.

- a) fair end
- b) false start
- c) good ending
- d) quick ending