

I. Fill out the blanks with the proper form of the given words.

1. If I had remembered \_\_\_\_\_ the window, the thief would not have got in. (close)
2. There is a man at the reception desk who seems very angry and I think he means \_\_\_\_\_ trouble. (make)
3. We object to \_\_\_\_\_ a whole group for one person's fault. (punish)
4. Mark often attempts to escape \_\_\_\_\_ whenever he breaks traffic regulations. (fine)
5. Fancy \_\_\_\_\_ so many old friends here! (meet)
6. She looks \_\_\_\_\_ in those tight jeans. (ridicule)
7. Will the bus workers strike in \_\_\_\_\_ with the railway workers? (sympathize)
8. That was a wonderful \_\_\_\_\_ of luck. (strike)
9. He \_\_\_\_\_ his voice to a whisper. (low)
10. The doctors said that her recovery was a \_\_\_\_\_. (miraculous)

II. Fill out the blanks with the right answers.

1. It is \_\_\_\_\_ impossible to find a good educational computer program in this part of the country.  
A. barely            B. hardly    C. merely        D. nearly
2. The ball \_\_\_\_\_ two or three times before rolling down the slope.  
A. swayed          B. bounced    C. hopped        D. leapt
3. Your advice would be \_\_\_\_\_ valuable to him, who is at present at his wit's end.  
A. excessively      B. exceedingly    C. extensively     D. exclusively
4. \_\_\_\_\_ receiving financial support from family, community or the government is allowed, it is never admired.  
A. As                B. Once            C. Although        D. Lest
5. Life insurance is financial protection for dependents against loss \_\_\_\_\_ the bread-winner's death.  
A. at the cost of    B. on the verge of    C. as a result of    D. for the sake of
6. The mysterious object ignited into a blinding fireball that \_\_\_\_\_ the surface of our planet seconds later.  
A. strikes            B. kicks            C. appeals          D. smashes
7. The novel contains some marvelously revealing \_\_\_\_\_ of rural life in the 19th century.  
A. glances          B. glimpses        C. glares            D. gleans
8. Have you ever received \_\_\_\_\_ of what has happened to her?  
A. the word          B. words            C. word             D. the words
9. Since the early 1990s, Swiss banks had prided themselves \_\_\_\_\_ their system of banking secrecy and numbered accounts.  
A. in                 B. under            C. with              D. on
10. It's usually the case that people seldom behave in a \_\_\_\_\_ way when in a furious state.  
A. stable            B. rational         C. legal             D. credible

11. Most plants depend upon their roots to \_\_\_\_\_ themselves in the soil and to absorb water and inorganic chemicals.  
 A. anchor    B. reproduce    C. moisten    D. distribute
12. In general, the amount that a student spends for housing should be held to one-fifth of the total \_\_\_\_\_ for living expenses  
 A. acceptable    B. available    C. advisable    D. applicable
13. The new appointment of our president \_\_\_\_\_ from the very beginning of next semester.  
 A. takes effect    B. takes part    C. take places    D. take turns
14. Even among experts there is no agreement as to \_\_\_\_\_ what we mean when we speak of “reading” a page of print.  
 A. actually    B. sufficiently    C. effectively    D. exactly
15. In a \_\_\_\_\_ effort to raise cash, major assets of both companies are being peeled away and put up for sale.  
 A. ridiculous    B. frantic    C. profound    D. quantitative
16. No one had told Smith about \_\_\_\_\_ a lecture the following day.  
 A. there being    B. there be    C. there would be    D. there was
17. Your hair wants \_\_\_\_\_. You’d better have it done tomorrow.  
 A. cut    B. to cut    C. cutting    D. being cut
18. There is more land in Australia than the government knows \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. what to do with    B. how to do    C. to do with it    D. to do it
19. When I try to understand \_\_\_\_\_ that prevents so many Americans from being as happy as one might expect, it seems to me that there are two causes.  
 A. why it does    B. what it does    C. what it is    D. why it is
20. Inasmuch as a year does not elapse without a certain number of villagers falling victim to the ferocity of a tiger, its roar is \_\_\_\_\_ heard by the natives \_\_\_\_\_ feelings of terror.  
 A. not...with    B. always...without  
 C. seldom...with    D. not...without
21. The heart is \_\_\_\_\_ intelligent than the stomach, for they are both controlled by the brain.  
 A. not so    B. much more    C. not more    D. no more
22. The children had never been subject to any discipline and so were completely \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. out of hand    B. out of place    C. out of season    D. out of action
23. His remarks left me \_\_\_\_\_ about his real purpose.  
 A. wondered    B. wonder    C. to wonder    D. wondering
24. “Tom wants to stay up and watch an old movie on TV.” “Ten o’clock is \_\_\_\_\_ for a boy of his age to stay up.”  
 A. a too late hour    B. very much late an hour    C. too late an hour    D. a so late hour
25. Perhaps there’s only now thing on which the citizens of Atlanta do agree: there’s a city \_\_\_\_\_ will not look the same or be the same after this summer.  
 A. that    B. which    C. as    D. where