

Unit 2

1. Give antonyms.

- 1) interior; 2) superior; 3) explode; 4) major; 5) feminine
6) inclusive; 7) parallel; 8) abate; 9) normal; 10) latter

2. Fill in the blanks with the right form of the bracketed words.

1. People at first could not understand why these bridges ___so easily. But soon they discovered the reason. (collapse)
2. I still remember to this day how he used to be ___by books and had to be persuaded to stop reading to eat his meals. (attract)
3. She lay on the grass, ___the high sky. (contemplate)
4. He was correct in his ___that the minister had been lying. (assert)
5. A good salesperson has to be ___in today's competitive market. (aggression)
6. His nose had been reddened by ___exposure to the California sun. (accustomed)
7. It should be ___that this is only one possible explanation. (emphatic)

3. Choose the best answer.

1. ___ their help, we wouldn't have succeeded.
A. Hadn't been for B. Had it not been for
C. It hadn't been for D. Hadn't it been for
2. ___ that the sweater is hand made, the price seems reasonable.
A. Since B. In view C. Because D. Considering
3. I am in charge of welcoming the ___ .
A. visitors from outside of town B. out of town visitors
C. visitors of out of town D. outside town visitors
4. I really do not know whether we can succeed, so do not expect ___ .
A. too much of us B. us too much
C. of us too much D. us of too much
5. Japan has begun to rival America ___ .
A. producing automobiles B. to manufacture automobiles

C. in the production of automobiles □ D. for automobiles producing □

6. He did nothing but □ ____ □ letters home all this afternoon. □

A. to write B. writing C. write D. wrote □

7. □ ____ □ left before the deadline, it does not seem likely that Jimmy will accomplish the job. □

A. With so short time □ B. Although such a short time □

C. With such a short time □ D. It is such a short time

8. “Will Tom recover?” “Right now there is no way □ ____ □.” □

A. of knowing B. to be known □ C. for knowing D. to have known □

9. No sooner had we started out □ ____ □ it began to snow. □

A. then B. when C. than D. whenever

10. □ ____ □ the consequence, I will be on your side. □

A. However B. No matter how □ C. No matter D. Whatever

11. When they arrived at the cross roads, they went the wrong ____ □. □

A. direction B. way C. path D. route □

12. I can't stand the summer's □ ____ □ heat. □

A. intensive B. heavy C. intense D. high □

13. She takes □ ____ □ interest in the economic reform in China. □

A. considerable B. conventional □ C. considerate D. conservative □

14. When our university library bought this microscope we were given a one year's ____ □. □

A. proof B. reservation C. security D. guarantee □

15. The football player had studied economics in the university for a(n) □ ____ □ of roughly six years. □

A. decade B. time C. age D. period □

16. A dictionary of the English language, ____ by Dr. Samuel Johnson, was the first real attempt as a systematic written survey of English usage. □

A. compiled B. composed C. concocted D. collected

17. The volunteer firefighters valiantly tried to put out the ____ forest fire.

A. raging B. rippling C. rolling D. roaring

18. Education is ____ for all school-age children in many a country.

A. universal B. compulsory C. requested D. general

19. The policeman's ____ mind caught the suspect's lies.

A. alive B. alert C. experienced D. imaginable

20. Over years, a balance is ____ among the plants and animals in a community and it remains basically stable.

A. worked out B. worked off C. worked over D. worked up