

## **DẠNG BÀI TÌM TỪ ĐỒNG NGHĨA- TRÁI NGHĨA (tiếp)**

*Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the words **CLOSEST** in meaning to the underlined part in each of the following questions*

1. It is essential that we recognize **lifelong** learning is also concerned with social justice.  
A. inconstant                      B. temporary                      C. continuing                      D. short-lived
2. It took the firefighters roughly five hours to **put out** the flames in the nearby factory.  
A. extinguish                      B. change                      C. eliminate                      D. destroy
3. It is very important for a teacher to be kind, caring and **approachable** because the teaching job involves a lot of interaction with students.  
A. ugly                      B. friendly                      C. pretty                      D. angry
4. In the UK, there are some websites that provide freshmen with practical **tips** to get used to college life quickly and to take the next steps in their tertiary education.  
A. advice                      B. bonus                      C. money                      D. time
5. It is **amazing** how quickly the new foreign student adapts to the local culture.  
A. dangerous                      B. boring                      C. awful                      D. surprising
6. I found the Japanese to be very **hospitable**.  
A. friendly                      B. noticeable                      C. natural                      D. affectionate
7. The school is keen to involve the **whole** community in this project.  
A. relative                      B. complete                      C. remote                      D. external
8. The civil service was **established** under the previous dynasty.  
A. run through                      B. put away                      C. found out                      D. set up
9. The company decided to **enhance** the quality of its products to stay competitive.  
A. reduce                      B. improve                      C. maintain                      D. weaken
10. The documentary was so **engrossing** that I forgot to check my phone for over two hours.  
A. boring                      B. confusing                      C. lengthy                      D. interesting
11. Winning an **incredible** prize from the state lottery was a turning point in my life, which I have never imagined before.  
A. unacceptable                      B. unpopular                      C. unbelievable                      D. unclear
12. The teacher emphasized the importance of following instructions and warned the students not to **disregard** any guidelines.  
A. ignore                      B. respect                      C. attend                      D. notice
13. Despite her **frail** health, she is determined to pursue her dream as an artist.  
A. weak                      B. strong                      C. healthy                      D. robust
14. He stressed that the aim of the event is to **grab** the public's attention with their favorite acts, rather than to give them a diverse arts festival.  
A. distract                      B. attract                      C. evaluate                      D. change
15. When young people tend to disconnect from society for 6 months or more, it can be considered a **psychological** problem.  
A. behavioral                      B. physical                      C. facial                      D. mental
16. Joggers who begin running without warming up could **sustain** a muscle injury.  
A. anticipate                      B. suffer                      C. irritate                      D. invite
17. The details of the celebrity's death were finally **revealed** by her mother.  
A. shared                      B. disputed                      C. denied                      D. concealed
18. Arguing with Rick is **futile**; he'll never accept that he was wrong.

- A. pointless                      B. modern                      C. fruitful                      D. stupid
19. There was a time in my career when I **matured** from a little girl to a woman and I experienced a huge dip in my confidence.
- A. developed                      B. transacted                      C. nourished                      D. prospered
20. We hope to become more **accurate** in predicting earthquakes.
- A. mistaken                      B. questionable                      C. doubtful                      D. precise
21. The U23 Vietnamese football team failed to **win** the final match with Uzbekistan due to the heavy snow at Changshu Stadium, China.
- A. tie                      B. gain                      C. find                      D. lose
22. After many years of unsuccessfully **endeavoring** to form his own orchestra, Glenn Miller finally achieved world fame in 1939 as a big band leader.
- A. requesting                      B. offering                      C. deciding                      D. trying
23. We generally **conform to** the behavior of our social group. Behaving differently can create discomfort.
- A. feel happy about                      B. stand up to                      C. act angry about                      D. act like most people
24. Thanks to better health care, there are more and more **centenarians** nowadays.
- A. children whose parents can't afford their schooling                      B. children who die at birth  
C. people who suffer from fatal diseases                      D. people who live 100 years or more
25. Coal-burning power **plants** emit greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide and methane, which contribute to global warming and climate change.
- A. fauna                      B. flora                      C. trees                      D. factories
26. The university will only select **competent** students, so they want to see evidence of your academic performance as well as the references from high school teachers.
- A. ambitious                      B. unqualified                      C. proficient                      D. inconvenient
27. Adopting a green lifestyle can often be time-consuming for those who are fully **committed** to green living.
- A. mediocre                      B. devoted                      C. dependent                      D. abandoned
28. The judge threatened **to throw the book at** him if he committed another offense.
- A. commend                      B. applaud                      C. punish                      D. compliment
29. To encourage the music industry, the government has decided to **prohibit** the illegal copying of musical recordings.
- A. trade                      B. allocate                      C. ban                      D. motivate
30. Although their **initial** desire was to open a small bakery, their delicious cakes soon led them to expand into a regional chain.
- A. first                      B. only                      C. main                      D. minor
31. Our cultural **identity** lies in every aspect of our lives, from the way we dress and speak to the types of music and foods we enjoy.
- A. uniqueness                      B. increase                      C. progress                      D. interaction
32. As the head of the department, he can't entirely **escape** the responsibility for this problem.
- A. overcome                      B. realize                      C. avoid                      D. manage
33. Candidates who are **shortlisted** for an interview will be contacted by the end of the week.
- A. rejected                      B. selected                      C. denied                      D. blamed
34. A popular way to **relieve** stress in today's busy lifestyles is by practising meditation.
- A. require                      B. reduce                      C. repeat                      D. relax
35. The price of footwear has declined **dramatically**, so many people have taken advantage of buying their favourite shoes.
- A. slightly                      B. effectively                      C. considerably                      D. calmly

36. You should use your own judgment; don't **trust** everything you read online.  
A. suggest                      B. decide                      C. explain                      D. believe
37. The park rangers were called to **rescue** a group of campers who were surrounded by a bear.  
A. preserve                      B. destroy                      C. arrest                      D. save
38. There is concern about the power of **fake** news to affect election results.  
A. false                      B. real                      C. updated                      D. hot
39. The repeated **commercials** on TV distract many viewers from watching their favourite films.  
A. contests                      B. economics                      C. businesses                      D. advertisements
40. Paris is the ideal place to learn French; it's a beautiful and **hospitable** city with institutions for high quality linguistic teaching.  
A. affectionate                      B. friendly                      C. noticeable                      D. natural
41. Life on Earth is **disappearing** fast and will continue to do so unless urgent action is taken.  
A. destroying                      B. polluting                      C. vanishing                      D. damaging
42. One of my distant relatives is **wavering** between buying a house in the inner city or moving away.  
A. approving                      B. weakening                      C. growing                      D. hesitating
43. When young people tend to disconnect from society for 20 months or more, it can be considered as a **psychological** problem.  
A. behavioral                      B. physical                      C. mental                      D. facial
44. We got tired of our **humdrum** routine and decided to take a week's vacation on a tropical island.  
A. free                      B. serious                      C. busy                      D. dull
45. American children **customarily** go trick-or-treating on Halloween.  
A. happily                      B. readily                      C. inevitably                      D. traditionally
46. We should **work together** to protect our environment.  
A. make decisions                      B. put up                      C. join hands                      D. take up
47. Despite poverty, we manage to **raise** our children properly.  
A. give up                      B. go up                      C. make up                      D. bring up
48. I am now **reconciled** with two of my estranged siblings - not just my older brother, but my sister, whom I hadn't spoken to for 17 years.  
A. opposed                      B. truthful                      C. harmonized                      D. contactable
49. The transition from high school to college can be **overwhelming** socially and academically.  
A. easy                      B. simple                      C. confusing                      D. manageable
50. Daisy usually **invents** stories about her foreign background while she was born in this city.  
A. makes up                      B. puts up                      C. lives up                      D. comes up
51. One of my distant relatives is **wavering** between buying a house in the inner city or moving away.  
A. hesitating                      B. weakening                      C. growing                      D. approving
52. She is not only an **inspiring** teacher but also a gifted scientist.  
A. exciting                      B. dull                      C. encouraging                      D. thrilling
53. It is an equal chance for everyone. No one should be given **privilege**.  
A. time                      B. money                      C. disadvantage                      D. advantage
54. They stopped at the top of the hill to admire the **breathtaking** scenery.  
A. extremely dangerous                      B. extremely beautiful  
C. extremely breathable                      D. extremely cold
55. Cities should implement affordable housing programs to address the problems of **deplorable** housing conditions.  
A. perfect                      B. good                      C. reasonable                      D. unacceptable

56. My sister's **tenacity** is truly remarkable. She displays a firm attitude in all circumstances even in the face of enormous challenges.
- A. perseverance                      B. creativity                      C. confidence                      D. compassion
57. As a **bright** student, James consistently impresses his teachers with excellent results in all examinations.
- A. ordinary                      B. colorful                      C. emotional                      D. intelligent
58. The fisherman skillfully cast his net into the river, eager to **capture** a plentiful bounty of fish.
- A. boost                      B. catch                      C. release                      D. enhance
59. She teaches the students to have respect for races and value the **diversity** of other cultures.
- A. benefit                      B. quality                      C. variety                      D. similarity
60. The government **acknowledged** the need for immediate action to address the climate crisis.
- A. created                      B. removed                      C. reduced                      D. accepted
61. The university will only select **competent** students, so they want to see evidence of your academic performance as well as references from high school teachers.
- A. unskilled                      B. hardworking                      C. proficient                      D. incapable
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64. The students' excitement in each lesson encouraged the instructor's creativity and **inspired** him in many ways.
- A. disappointed                      B. prevented                      C. rejected                      D. motivated
65. In such a **costly** and competitive society and world, no one of us can live without money
- A. expensive                      B. busy                      C. cheap                      D. modern
66. Hoa doesn't come to class today because she's **contracted** a serious illness.
- A. lost                      B. caught                      C. fought                      D. felt
67. Many scientists agree that global warming poses great **threats** to all species on Earth.
- A. fears                      B. irritations                      C. annoyances                      D. risks
68. Young people are now getting more and more **concerned** about environmental problems.
- A. worried                      B. hopeless                      C. uneasy                      D. happy
69. Culture has been described as features that are shared and **bind** people together into a community.
- A. unite                      B. divide                      C. unlock                      D. separate
70. It is found that **endangered** species are often concentrated in areas that are poor and densely populated, such as much of Asia and Africa.
- A. threatened                      B. defended                      C. protected                      D. exploited
71. Learning a new language can be **challenging**, but with dedication and practice, it becomes easier over time.
- A. successful                      B. intelligent                      C. attractive                      D. difficult
72. After months of hard work, he decided to **decline** the job offer from the prestigious company.
- A. accept                      B. criticize                      C. confirm                      D. refuse
73. Stockholm dwellers are **fortunate** to live in one of the greenest capitals in the world.
- A. impossible                      B. discouraged                      C. stable                      D. lucky
74. My children prefer to stay in a modern hotel with all the **amenities** rather than camp in the woods.
- A. dislikes                      B. conveniences                      C. products                      D. expenses
75. Gradually, the sound of the music and laughter **died down**, and the whole campus went to sleep.
- A. became more cheerful                      B. became softer                      C. was forgotten                      D. became louder

76. Although containing a large number of precious books, the library remains **neglected** on the outskirts of the city.

A. unnoticed                      B. outdated                      C. concerned                      D. invested

77. Life on Earth is **disappearing** fast and will continue to do so unless urgent action is taken.

A. damaging                      B. vanishing                      C. polluting                      D. destroying

78. President Ho Chi Minh is a **distinguished** cultural celebrity. He opened the way of liberation for all oppressed people in the world.

A. friendly                      B. emotional                      C. generous                      D. outstanding

79. I'm sorry. I didn't mean to interrupt you. Please, **go on** and finish what you were saying.

A. talk                      B. call                      C. continue                      D. stop

80. Children who know how to **tend** a garden can grow up to be environmentally conscious individuals.

A. leave                      B. trend                      C. destroy                      D. care

81. Learning to cook traditional dishes from different cultures has been an **interesting** experience.

A. unexciting                      B. boring                      C. fascinating                      D. hard

82. The company plans to **raise** prices on their products because the production costs have become higher.

A. lower                      B. hold                      C. drop                      D. increase

83. School-leavers should seek **advice** from parents and other adults before making a decision about their college major.

A. approval                      B. permission                      C. recommendation                      D. interest

84. Nigeria is growing hotter and dryer, and extreme weather such as flash floods and landslides are becoming **firmer** and more frequent.

A. harder                      B. stronger                      C. quicker                      D. wider

85. We were **pretty** disappointed with the quality of the food.

A. extremely                      B. very                      C. rather                      D. highly

86. Dozens of valuable works of art disappeared during **shipment** to the US.

A. delivery                      B. authority                      C. activity                      D. security

87. The company will only employ **competent** engineers, so they want to see evidence of their work as well the references from previous employers.

A. ambitious                      B. unqualified                      C. inconvenient                      D. proficient

88. We are a bit **dubious** about the benefits these changes would actually bring about.

A. apprehensive                      B. overwhelmed                      C. doubtful                      D. bothered

89. The intensive search would take longer than expected because we were **hampered** by rough terrain.

A. captured                      B. impeded                      C. integrated                      D. consulted

90. The teacher gave some **suggestions** on what could come out for the examination so that her students could do it well.

A. symptoms                      B. hints                      C. demonstrations                      D. effects

91. She lives in a **sleepy** village in Thanh Hoa Province where the pace of life is slow.

A. small                      B. wealthy                      C. quiet                      D. pretty

92. Living in a polluted area for a long period of time can **impair** one's general health.

A. simplify                      B. improve                      C. switch                      D. damage

93. I can't believe he **stabbed me in the back** because he was my close friend.

A. betrayed me                      B. protected me                      C. supported me                      D. punished me

94. One of the **common** eating habits that leads to weight gain is skipping meals.

A. usual                      B. strange                      C. unique                      D. noble

95. I knew he just made several **flattering** remarks on me because he wanted to borrow some money.

- A. discouraging                      B. teasing                      C. praising                      D. threatening
96. The **demand** for cars is increasingly rapidly in the modern world.  
A. truth                      B. need                      C. reply                      D. offer
97. Children brought up in a **caring** environment tend to grow more sympathetic towards others.  
A. loving                      B. dishonest                      C. hateful                      D. healthy
98. The beautiful sandy beach with a lot of sunshine and good foods made his holiday **complete**.  
A. serious                      B. perfect                      C. normal                      D. terrible
99. Hieu is writing an email with a view to applying for the **position** of Sales Director.  
A. fund                      B. situation                      C. desire                      D. job
100. We had a lovely summer holiday in Rome. Everybody felt satisfied with **fantastic** weather.  
A. great                      B. shiny                      C. cold                      D. extreme
101. Human activities, such as deforestation and habitat destruction, pose a significant threat to biodiversity and have the potential to **exterminate** numerous species and degrade the environment irreversibly.  
A. eradicate                      B. exacerbate                      C. facilitate                      D. navigate
102. Extreme sports, such as skydiving and mountain climbing, involve **hazardous** activities that require participants to take appropriate safety precautions.  
A. courageous                      B. marvelous                      C. luxurious                      D. dangerous
103. The main purpose of media is to **disseminate** information and knowledge.  
A. restrict                      B. spread                      C. conceal                      D. make it off the record
104. My brother has become a bit of **couch potato** since he stopped playing sports  
A. a nice person                      B. a kind person                      C. a live wire                      D. a lazy person
105. I knew he was only **flattering** me because he wanted to borrow some money.  
A. teasing                      B. praising                      C. threatening                      D. elevating
106. She is always **diplomatic** when she deals with angry students.  
A. outspoken                      B. firm                      C. tactful                      D. strict
107. The young generation tends to **embrace** liberal ideals and reject more conservative ones.  
A. argue                      B. accept                      C. avoid                      D. promote
108. The company is hoping to **expand** its market with a new range of health food products.  
A. produce                      B. improve                      C. narrow                      D. enlarge
109. I'm afraid he doesn't **possess** any sense of humor because he never laughs at my jokes.  
A. own                      B. like                      C. think                      D. plan
110. My retired mother feels **content** with her life now because she can spend much more time pursuing her hobbies.  
A. amused                      B. satisfied                      C. frightened                      D. tired
111. I'm **surprised** that you like playing with dolls at your age.  
A. amazed                      B. annoyed                      C. excited                      D. interested
112. The **emergence** of some social media apps has greatly changed the way we communicate.  
A. deletion                      B. fascination                      C. appearance                      D. advertisement
113. The **maintenance** of these old castles must cost a lot of money.  
A. building                      B. destruction                      C. preservation                      D. foundation
114. Better training policies and new technologies are **aiding** disabled people in the workplace  
A. helping                      B. changing                      C. moving                      D. upgrading
115. The nature of work will continuously change with technological **advances**, including automation, robotics and artificial intelligence.  
A. advantages                      B. movements                      C. developments                      D. barriers



Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) **OPPOSITE** in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

1. Look, I wish I could use my influence with other people to get you a job here, but **it's more than my job's worth**.

- A. not worth doing  
B. worth risking my job for  
C. it's no use giving you a job  
D. giving you a job is rewarding

2. He will be remembered for his contributions and for his open, amiable and **sociable** manner.

- A. well-behaved  
B. unfriendly  
C. warm  
D. nice.

3. Her job is such **a bed of roses** compared to mine: short hours, a decent salary and interesting work, so I am determined to study English to apply for a better job.

- A. heaven  
B. comfort  
C. challenge  
D. favour

4. The length of an X-ray wave is **incredibly** small: less than one ten-millionth of a millimeter.

- A. extremely  
B. highly  
C. famously  
D. slightly

5. Merry Christmas and a **prosperous** and healthy New Year to you all!

- A. poor  
B. flourishing  
C. wealthy  
D. misbehaving

6. I **take my hat off** to him for raising so much money for charity.

- A. admire  
B. trust  
C. respect  
D. disrespect

7. He was respected **globally** and was an eminent historian.

- A. usefully  
B. truthfully  
C. happily  
D. locally

8. I'm looking for something a bit **out of the ordinary** to liven up the living room.

- A. different  
B. foreign  
C. similar  
D. popular

9. He is writing a letter of **acceptance** to the employer with the hope to get his favorite position in the company.

- A. admission  
B. agreement  
C. refusal  
D. confirmation

10. John has been unemployed for the past three years-he's really **in dire straits**.

- A. in a difficult situation  
B. in a pleasant situation  
C. in a bad situation  
D. in a serious situation

11. The scientists have **achieved** a breakthrough in cancer research.

- A. succeeded  
B. attained  
C. reached  
D. failed

12. She **set out her stall** firmly and precisely, and had very clear ideas what she wanted to do.

- A. outlined her perspectives  
B. presented her ideas with confidence  
C. remained unclear about her intentions  
D. expressed her viewpoints

13. The company's new product launch was a disaster because they **went off half-cocked** and didn't properly test the product before releasing it to the public.

- A. planned thoroughly  
B. acted without forethought  
C. behaved recklessly  
D. rushed into things

14. The invasive species **upset** the balance of the ecosystem, which caused significant harm to native plants and animals.

- A. destroyed  
B. interrupted  
C. maintained  
D. disturbed

15. The **advent** of the internet, starting in the late 20th century, has dramatically revolutionized the way we communicate and access information.

- A. dawn  
B. emergence  
C. arrival  
D. disappearance

16. Scientists believe that it is possible for waves to reach the heights described when they **come into contact with** strong ocean currents.

- A. avoid  
B. enter  
C. meet  
D. touch

17. Each form of mass media has an **important** impact on society.  
A. valuable                      B. significant                      C. major                      D. trivial
18. She is determined to **settle old scores** with those who bullied her.  
A. retaliate                      B. Forgive                      C. return                      D. extort
19. Training experts have **devised** tips to teach people how to exercise correctly in order to achieve the greatest health benefits.  
A. ratified                      B. implemented                      C. advised                      D. imitated
20. The local councilor **blotted his copybook** when it came to light that he had accepted bribes to allow unregulated development projects to go ahead.  
A. ruin his reputation                      B. gain more respect  
C. make a bad mistake                      D. commit an error
21. In one well-known test, women and men were able to **distinguish** by the smell alone clothing worn by their marriage partners from similar clothing worn by other people.  
A. notice                      B. recall                      C. miss                      D. puzzle
22. I don't think we should **kick the can down the road** and let the next generation solve the global warming problem.  
A. delay dealing with a problem                      B. determine to solve a problem  
C. avoid dealing with a problem                      D. try in vain to address a problem
23. The police had to **release** several suspects related to the bank robbery last month due to the lack of evidence.  
A. capture                      B. arrest                      C. attack                      D. defend
24. A final agreement hasn't been reached yet because they **are at loggerheads** over the cost.  
A. share the viewpoint                      B. become totally exhausted  
C. think in a creative way                      D. are in disagreement
25. The Prime Minister claims that there is now no **obstacle** to him standing at the next general election.  
A. advantage                      B. benefit                      C. disadvantage                      D. difficulty
26. My mother usually gets **hot under the collar** when my brother comes home late at night.  
A. angry                      B. worried                      C. calm                      D. curious
27. Learning a new computer program can be a **tedious** process.  
A. interesting                      B. content                      C. mundane                      D. boring
28. Lisa is now **in two minds** whether or not to take a gap year after leaving high school.  
A. ignorant                      B. reluctant                      C. intentional                      D. decisive
29. With so many candidates applying, who will get the job is completely **up in the air** at this point.  
A. suitable                      B. certain                      C. confident                      D. doubtful
30. We set up a **temporary** workspace in the conference room while our office is under repair.  
A. limited                      B. possible                      C. permanent                      D. comfortable
31. Ruth **runs a very tight ship** here, and he expects all his employees to follow the regulations as well as take good care of their own work.  
A. runs faster than others                      B. has a good voyage  
C. controls an inflexible system                      D. controls things inefficiently
32. These chemicals have a **detrimental** impact on the environment. They may cause land and water pollution.  
A. injurious                      B. effective                      C. damaging                      D. harmless
33. Most universities have trained counselors who can reassure and **console** students having academic or personal problems.  
A. satisfy                      B. sympathize                      C. discourage                      D. please



53. I always **had a soft spot for** Clark in spite of the fact that he often let me down.  
 A. hated                                      B. liked                                      C. feared                                      D. praised
54. Well, I want to go straight to university, but I'm also thinking of applying for a **temporary** job in the summer.  
 A. part-time                                      B. full-time                                      C. permanent                                      D. seasonal
55. Thanks to Greenpeace's campaigns, the local people's level of environmental awareness has **improved** significantly.  
 A. bettered                                      B. developed                                      C. declined                                      D. increased
56. Her parents **kept her on a tight rein** with their inflexible views.  
 A. controlled her                                      B. Jet her loose                                      C. taught her                                      D. brought her up
57. Despite their differences, they learned to **tolerate** each other's opinions.  
 A. agree                                      B. increase                                      C. accept                                      D. refuse
58. After losing her job, Ellen found herself **in the doldrums**, unsure of what to do next.  
 A. attractive                                      B. positive                                      C. discouraged                                      D. relaxed
59. He **bent over backwards** to please his new girlfriend but she never seemed satisfied.  
 A. tried to do something easy                                      B. tried to do something impossible  
 C. did some physical exercise                                      D. gave someone a nice surprise
60. There is growing **concern** about the way man has destroyed the environment.  
 A. ease                                      B. consideration                                      C. worry                                      D. speculation
61. As a brilliant and mature student Marie **harboured** the dream of a scientific career which was impossible for a woman at that time.  
 A. had                                      B. deleted                                      C. kept                                      D. abandoned
62. Despite her ankle injury, Sana **strained every nerve** to reach the finishing line.  
 A. considered it very seriously                                      B. made no practical effort  
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64. Given the economic crisis, many small and medium-sized enterprises didn't have enough budget to **expand**.  
 A. open                                      B. help                                      C. grow                                      D. restrict
65. My father has **turned over a new leaf** and he is not smoking anymore.  
 A. changed his lifestyle                                      B. kept his old lifestyle  
 C. enjoyed planting trees                                      D. refused to plant trees
66. There is growing concern about the way we have **destroyed** the environment.  
 A. protected                                      B. devastated                                      C. consumed                                      D. damaged
67. Libraries are an investment for the future and they should not be allowed to **fall into decline**.  
 A. level off                                      B. be on the increase  
 C. become smaller                                      D. make a decrease
68. Many women prefer to use cosmetics to **enhance** their beauty and make them look younger.  
 A. maximize                                      B. enrich                                      C. improve                                      D. worsen
69. You're going to **get on my nerves** if you keep behaving in that unacceptable way.  
 A. encourages me                                      B. pleases me                                      C. annoys me                                      D. disturbs me
70. It is **relatively** difficult to identify the symptoms of a strange disease.  
 A. obviously                                      B. evidently                                      C. absolutely                                      D. comparatively



88. Strongly **advocating** healthy foods, Jane doesn't eat any chocolate.  
A. supporting                      B. denying                      C. advising                      D. impugning
89. In my view, husbands should contribute to the household duties in order to **reduce** the burden on their wives.  
A. decrease                      B. minimize                      C. lower                      D. increase
90. They had **had all their ducks in a row**, ready to set off when the departure time came.  
A. well prepared                      B. badly prepared  
C. carefully planned                      D. perfectly organized
91. She was exhausted from the long race and decided to **throw in the towel** before reaching the finish line.  
A. surrender                      B. stop                      C. quit                      D. persist
92. Nothing can **efface** his memories of being treated unfairly when he was a little boy.  
A. prove                      B. maintain                      C. erase                      D. broaden
93. The organization is working with young people to **promote** awareness of the dangers of smoking  
A. encourage                      B. attract                      C. decrease                      D. recommend
94. He teaches the students to appreciate the **diversity** of other cultures.  
A. distinctness                      B. difference                      C. similarity                      D. variety
95. I can't **concentrate** on my work because of the noise caused by my children.  
A. focus                      B. neglect                      C. abandon                      D. allow
96. She was happy that she **got in touch with** a lot of her old friends when she went abroad to study.  
A. made room for                      B. lost control of                      C. lost contact with                      D. put in charge of
97. When I was young and **idealistic** I believed it was possible to change the world.  
A. applicable                      B. thoughtless                      C. energetic                      D. practical
98. Everyone was secretly rehearsing a surprise performance for Alex's proposal, but annoyingly Jim let **the cat out of the bag** at the last minute.  
A. disclosed the plan                      B. concealed the plan  
C. abandoned the plan                      D. revised the plan
99. Considered a future star of the technological world, Daniel **came a cropper** when his product proved to be a total flop.  
A. felt disappointed                      B. wanted to escape  
C. was abandoned                      D. became successful
100. Students should be encouraged to report any **offensive** bullying they witness or experience.  
A. confusing                      B. illegal                      C. pleasant                      D. annoying
101. Various programs have been designed in order to **facilitate** the storage and analysis of research data.  
A. ease                      B. block                      C. speed                      D. build
102. As teenagers mature, they often seek to **cut the apron strings** and assert their independence from their parents.  
A. become independent                      B. start doing well                      C. buy a new house                      D. rely on others
103. Do you really think humans will be **exterminated** when more and more intelligent machines are invented in the future?  
A. wiped out                      B. stored                      C. resurrected                      D. killed
104. Instead of **getting all riled up** about the boy's uncooperative behaviors, the teacher should try to figure out how to get him involved in the class activities.  
A. getting highly excited                      B. becoming really annoyed  
C. being extremely satisfied                      D. appearing quite unconcerned

105. Constant correction of speaking 'errors' by a teacher is often **counter-productive**, as the student may become afraid to speak at all.

- A. effective                      B. desolate                      C. barren                      D. fruitless

106. After their long-standing conflict had been resolved, the two families decided to **bury the hatchet**.

- A. become friends                      B. reach an agreement                      C. give up weapons                      D. become enemies

107. Peter complained about the **intolerable** noise his neighbours were making.

- A. unbearable                      B. sudden                      C. endless                      D. pleasant

108. Despite the boos from many in the audience, the actors on stage never **lost their cool**.

- A. lost their interest                      B. got angry                      C. forgot their lines                      D. calmed down

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111. After the matches, the Vietnam national football team thanked **passionate** fans for their support.

- A. enthusiastic                      B. supportive                      C. adoring                      D. indifferent

112. Though he prepared quite carefully, Luke was still **like a cat on hot tin roof** before the speaking test.

- A. healthy                      B. embarrassed                      C. nervous                      D. comfortable

113. I think it's impossible to **abolish** school examinations. They are necessary to evaluate students' progress.

- A. stop                      B. extinguish                      C. organize                      D. continue

114. They are always optimistic although they **don't have a penny to their name**.

- A. are very healthy                      B. are very rich  
C. are very poor                      D. are very mean

115. The supervisor tends to **turn a blind eye to** the employees' complaints, which leads to dissatisfaction in the workplace.

- A. pay no attention to                      B. take notice of                      C. pass over                      D. look up to

116. Performing repetitive tasks can be **tedious** and monotonous, leading to a lack of engagement and motivation.

- A. boring                      B. interesting                      C. tiring                      D. satisfying

117. When Josh was promoted to the position of marketing director, he had to **shoulder** more responsibilities.

- A. prevent                      B. receive                      C. avoid                      D. carry

118. If you are **at a loose end** this weekend, I will show you around the city.

- A. occupied                      B. confident                      C. reluctant                      D. free

119. Two new studies published in the New England Journal of Medicine **shed light on** the profound toll of COVID-19 on cognitive health.

- A. confuse                      B. help to understand                      C. clarify                      D. start a fire

120. Climate change may create a state of continuous economic distress if we fail to act now.

- A. growth                      B. strain                      C. burden                      D. crisis

121. Employers clearly hoped that the workers would stay longer, but their efforts were largely **in vain**.

- A. successful                      B. unsuccessful                      C. ineffective                      D. useless

122. My father's really **out of shape**, so he starts exercising.

- A. out of work                      B. physically fit  
C. worried and stressed                      D. always joyful

123. Research shows that regular exercise can help **bolster** mental health.

- A. improve                      B. boost                      C. worsen                      D. eliminate

124. She approached academic challenges **as to the manner born**. She always excelled in her studies.  
A. incompetently                      B. fortunately                      C. inadequately                      D. advantageously
125. Smart robots have replaced humans in stressful and **hazardous** jobs and in assembly lines.  
A. risky                      B. dangerous                      C. safe                      D. refused
126. I'd go mad if I had to do a **dead-end** job like working on a supermarket checkout.  
A. boring                      B. demanding                      C. monotonous                      D. fascinating
127. He was imprisoned because he **revealed** secrets to the enemies.  
A. disowned                      B. declared                      C. betrayed                      D. concealed
128. The Covid-19 pandemic has **taken a heavy toll** on the economy of many countries.  
A. been a slight loss                      B. put the blame  
C. exerted a small pressure                      D. had little impact
129. It was quite a **rocky** relationship as we used to argue with each other all the time and we sometimes went days without speaking to each other.  
A. appalling                      B. stable                      C. unsteady                      D. better
130. Trudy felt **at ease** although she spoke in public for the first time.  
A. challenged and inopportune                      B. confident and excited  
C. uncomfortable and embarrassed                      D. nausea and dizzy
131. Professor Stephen Hawking thinks the **primitive** forms of AI which have been developed so far have already proved very useful.  
A. modern                      B. basic                      C. original                      D. recent
132. They are always optimistic although they **don't have a penny to their name**.  
A. are very poor                      B. are very rich                      C. are very mean                      D. are very healthy
133. The **mass** media has become one of the main instruments of political change.  
A. fewer                      B. less                      C. small                      D. tiny
134. These days more and more children are experiencing a stressful and **miserable** adolescence due to bullying.  
A. tragic                      B. sorrowful                      C. contented                      D. depressed
135. I don't think we should **kick the can down the road** and let our next generation solve the global warming problem.  
A. try in vain to address a problem                      B. avoid dealing with a problem  
C. determine to solve a problem                      D. delay dealing with a problem