

PART 4: CỤM TỪ CÓ ĐỊNH

A. SOME USEFUL COLLOCATIONS

STT	CỤM TỪ	NGHĨA
1	▪ A recipe for a disaster	▪ cách dẫn đến sự hỗn loạn, thảm họa
2	▪ A roaring success	▪ một thành công lớn, vang dội
3	▪ A stroke of luck	▪ dịp may bất ngờ
4	▪ Above the law	▪ đứng trên luật pháp
5	▪ Alive and kicking	▪ còn sống và rất khỏe mạnh, tràn đầy sức sống
6	▪ Alleviate suffering	▪ giảm bớt đau đớn, khổ sở
7	▪ At a standstill	▪ bị bế tắc, ngưng lại
8	▪ At all hours	▪ bất cứ khi nào
9	▪ At death's door	▪ bên ngưỡng cửa của tử thần, hấp hối, gần chết
10	▪ At odds	▪ gây sự bất hòa
11	▪ At one's disposal	▪ tùy ý sử dụng
12	▪ Back to the drawing board	▪ quay lại từ đầu để chuẩn bị một kế hoạch mới vì kế hoạch trước đã thất bại
13	▪ Bare necessity	▪ nhu yếu phẩm cơ bản(thức ăn, thuốc men,...)
14	▪ Be a big fish in a small pond	▪ một nhân vật quan trọng và có ảnh hưởng trong một cộng đồng nhỏ hay phạm vi hẹp
15	▪ Be a pack of lies	▪ toàn là lời dối trá
16	▪ Be awfully tired	▪ vô cùng mệt mỏi

17	▪ Be deep in something	▪ ngập sâu vào, mải mê, đắm chìm vào cái gì
18	▪ Be in sb's good/bad books	▪ được yêu thích/bị người nào ghét, có tên trong sổ đen của ai
19	▪ Be in the public eye	▪ trước mắt công chúng, bị dư luận soi xét
20	▪ Be in the right frame of mind	▪ đang trong tâm trạng tốt, thích hợp
21	▪ Be keenly interested in something	▪ rất thích, quan tâm điều gì
22	▪ Be made redundant	▪ bị sa thải
23	▪ Be on the level	▪ thật thà, chân thật, nói điều thật
24	▪ Be part and parcel	▪ phần cơ bản, quan trọng, thiết yếu
25	▪ Be put on probation	▪ chịu án treo, đang trong thời gian quản chế
26	▪ Be terminally ill	▪ bị bệnh nan y, vô phương cứu chữa
27	▪ Be wide awake	▪ hoàn toàn tỉnh táo
28	▪ Begin from scratch	▪ bắt đầu từ đầu, từ con số không
29	▪ Bite your tongue	▪ giữ im lặng, nhẫn nhịn không nói điều gì
30	▪ Box - top	▪ phòng vé
31	▪ Brain drain	▪ chảy máu chất xám
32	▪ Breach of contract	▪ vi phạm hợp đồng
33	▪ Break into the market	▪ thâm nhập thị trường

34	▪ break the ice	▪ làm cho người chưa gặp bao giờ cảm thấy thoải mái và bắt đầu nói chuyện với nhau.
35	▪ Brink of collapse	▪ bờ vực phá sản, sụp đổ
36	▪ By the same token	▪ vì lẽ ấy, đồng thời
37	▪ Capacity for something	▪ năng lực, khả năng làm gì
38	▪ Catch a glimpse of something	▪ nhìn thoáng qua, lướt qua
39	▪ Clap/lay/set eyes on sb/sth	▪ Để ý, để mắt cái gì/ai đó ngay từ lần đầu gặp
40	▪ Come to pass	▪ xảy ra như dự định
41	▪ Con (someone) out of sth	▪ lừa gạt ai đó
42	▪ Continuously throughout the night	▪ liên tục suốt đêm
43	▪ Corporal punishment	▪ hình phạt về thể xác, hành hạ thể xác
44	▪ Cost the earth	▪ chi phí đắt đỏ, tốn kém
45	▪ Count something on (the fingers of) one hand	▪ điều gì đó mà xảy ra rất hiếm hoặc tồn tại với số lượng rất nhỏ
46	▪ Creaking board	▪ tấm ván kêu kệt
47	▪ Dead-end job	▪ một công việc không có thăng tiến, triển vọng
48	▪ Do somebody a good/bad turn	▪ làm điều gì đó giúp đỡ hoặc có hại cho ai
49	▪ Do something by the book = to obey the rules while doing something	▪ tuân thủ luật lệ

50	▪ Drive somebody to something	▪ dồn ai vào thế bí phải làm gì
51	• Dull ache	▪ đau âm ỉ
52	▪ Excruciating pain	▪ cực kỳ đau đớn
53	▪ Exert oneself to something	▪ cố gắng, nỗ lực
54	▪ Fall prey to somebody/ something	▪ làm con mồi, nạn nhân của ai/ cái gì
55	▪ Fizzy drinks	▪ nước giải khát có ga
56	▪ Float through space	▪ lơ lửng trong không gian
57	▪ Fly by the seat of one's pants	▪ làm việc gì khó mà không có kinh nghiệm, kĩ năng cần thiết, làm theo cảm tính
58	▪ Follow/obey something to the letter	▪ làm chính xác như những gì ai đó bảo
59	▪ For the sake of somebody/ something	▪ vì lợi ích của ai/ cái gì
60	▪ Force your way through/into etc something	▪ chen lấn, xô đẩy, di chuyển khó khăn để đến nơi nào đấy
61	▪ Frighten/scare sb out of their wits	• làm cho ai vô cùng hoảng sợ
62	▪ Gain a competitive edge	▪ có được lợi thế cạnh tranh
63	▪ Garden sparrow	▪ chim sẻ nhà
64	• Get a move on	▪ nhanh lên
65	▪ Give an account of sth	▪ thuật lại chuyện gì
66	▪ Give chapter and verse	▪ nói có sách, mách có chứng (có chứng cứ rõ ràng, xác thực)

67	▪ Go grey	▪ có tóc bạc, bạc đầu
68	▪ Go to great lengths	▪ cố gắng hết sức, làm mọi thứ để đạt được điều gì
69	▪ Grasp an opportunity	▪ nắm bắt/ chớp lấy cơ hội
70	▪ Have a thirst for something	▪ có niềm khao khát, đam mê làm gì
71	▪ Have an aversion to something	▪ không thích cái gì
72	▪ Have an enquiring mind	▪ có tinh thần học hỏi
73	▪ Have an outstanding command of a language	▪ thông thạo vượt trội 1 thứ tiếng
74	▪ Have recollection of	▪ có hồi ức về
75	▪ Have time on one's hands	▪ chẳng có gì để làm, rảnh rỗi
76	▪ Heinous crime	▪ tội ác ghê tởm, tàn bạo
77	▪ Hold opinion	▪ có ý kiến
78	▪ In close proximity	▪ rất gần
79	▪ In deadly earnest	▪ vô cùng nghiêm trọng
80	▪ In deep (trouble)	▪ vô cùng rắc rối
81	▪ In earnest	▪ nghiêm túc, đứng đắn
82	▪ In mint condition	▪ trong điều kiện tốt như thể mới tinh
83	▪ In no mood for sth/ to do sth	▪ không có tâm trạng làm gì
84	▪ In the balance	▪ do dự, lưỡng lự
85	▪ (In) the middle of nowhere	▪ cách xa thị trấn và thành phố và là nơi có ít người sinh sống
86	▪ In the peak of physical	▪ ở trong tình trạng sức khỏe tốt nhất

	condition	
87	▪ In the realm of	▪ trong lĩnh vực
88	▪ In vain	▪ thất bại, vô ích
89	▪ In/during/over the course of something	▪ trong suốt quá trình, trong khi
90	▪ Innocuous remark	▪ nhận xét vô hại, vô thưởng vô phạt
91	▪ Invariably rain	▪ lúc nào cũng mưa
92	▪ It goes without saying	▪ chắc chắn, hiển nhiên, khỏi phải nói
93	▪ It never crossed my mind	▪ chưa từng nảy ra nghĩ điều gì
94	▪ Jump the queue	▪ vượt lên trước, chen lấn chỗ khi xếp hàng
95	▪ Keep somebody company	▪ ở lại với ai đó để họ không cô đơn
96	▪ Keep track (of someone/something)	▪ tiếp tục theo sát, để mắt đến ai, cái gì
97	▪ Kill time	▪ giết thời gian
98	▪ Lay trust in	▪ đặt niềm tin vào
99	▪ Lend itself to something	▪ thích hợp với, có thể dùng làm
100	▪ Let alone do something	▪ chưa kể đến, nói chi là làm gì
101	▪ Let it announce	▪ khẳng định, làm cho mọi người biết
102	▪ Lethal weapon	▪ vũ khí giết người
103	▪ Make cutbacks	▪ thực hiện cắt giảm
104	▪ Make head or tail of	▪ hiểu đầu đuôi
105	▪ Move up ladder	▪ chuyển nấc thang (tiến lên, phát triển)

106	▪ Narrow something down	▪ loại bỏ các lựa chọn ít quan trọng hơn để việc lựa chọn dễ dàng hơn
107	▪ Nowhere near	▪ còn lâu
108	▪ Odd cough and cold	▪ ốm vặt
109	▪ Of one's own accord	▪ tự nguyện, tự ý
110	▪ Off the record	▪ không được ghi, không chính thức
111	▪ On a par with somebody/ something	▪ bằng, ngang tầm/ chất lượng với ai, cái gì
112	▪ Oniocation	▪ quay ở hiện trường, quay ở trường quay ngoài trời
113	▪ On principle	▪ theo nguyên tắc (đạo đức), niềm tin cố định của mình
114	▪ On the pretext	▪ lấy cớ, viện lý do
115	▪ One way or another	▪ cách này hay cách khác
116	▪ Open prison	▪ án treo
117	▪ Out of condition	▪ không khỏe mạnh (đủ để tập thể dục nặng vì không tham gia thể thao/ các hoạt động thể chất)
118	▪ Out of harm's way	▪ tránh những nơi có thể gây hại, ở nơi an toàn
119	▪ Overhead cost	▪ chi phí chung để hoạt động (phí thuê mặt bằng, điện nước,...)
120	▪ Pay in arrears	▪ trả tiền quá hạn, khất nợ
121	▪ Peer pressure	▪ áp lực từ bạn bè, người đồng trang lứa
122	▪ Pet project/theory/subject	▪ dự án/ lý thuyết/ chủ đề được chú ý/

		yêu thích nhất/ nổi bật nhất
123	▪ Pinpoint the problems	▪ chỉ ra, xác định mọi vấn đề đang gặp phải
124	▪ Pit your wits against somebody/ something	▪ có đủ thông minh để đấu lại ai, cái gì
125	▪ Poor chance/ slim chance	▪ cơ hội mong manh
126	▪ Pour something into something	▪ đổ cái gì vào cái gì
127	▪ Press conference	▪ cuộc họp báo
128	▪ Provoke somebody into (doing) something	▪ khiêu khích, xúi giục ai đó làm gì
129	▪ Pull yourself together	▪ bình tĩnh, điều khiển lại được cảm xúc sau khi tức giận/ buồn
130	▪ Put yourself in somebody's position	▪ thử đặt mình vào vị trí/ hoàn cảnh của người khác
131	▪ Qualified success	▪ sự vừa đủ khả năng thành công
132	▪ Quench one's thirst	▪ giải tỏa cơn khát
133	▪ Raise (someone's) hopes/expectations	▪ nhen nhóm niềm tin, hi vọng trong ai đó
134	▪ Reach a consensus	▪ đạt được sự nhất trí, đồng thuận
135	▪ Read between the lines	▪ hiểu được ẩn ý, ngụ ý
136	▪ Read between the lines	▪ tìm ra ngụ ý, hiểu được ẩn ý
137	▪ Redeeming feature	▪ một phẩm chất tốt mà phần nào bù đắp cho những phẩm chất xấu trong một người hay 1 vật

138	▪ Run a business	▪ điều hành kinh doanh
139	▪ Sales manager	▪ quản lý kinh doanh
140	▪ Secure in knowledge that	▪ tự tin, chắc chắn về điều gì
141	▪ See red	▪ bùng bùng nổi giận, nổi xung
142	▪ Set a good pattern	▪ nêu gương tốt, tấm gương tốt
143	▪ Set one's heart on doing sth	▪ thực sự ham muốn điều gì đó, mơ ước về điều gì đó
144	▪ Shed tears	▪ rơi lệ, nhỏ lệ
145	▪ Sheer cost	▪ giá cả cực kỳ cao
146	▪ Sheer pleasure	▪ chỉ là niềm vui vì
147	▪ Sheer pleasure	▪ niềm vui tuyệt đối, duy nhất
148	▪ Shrink duty	▪ trốn tránh trách nhiệm, nhiệm vụ, bổn phận
149	▪ Slap in the face	▪ tát vào mặt (sỉ nhục, lăng mạ)
150	▪ Slash the prices	▪ giảm giá
151	▪ Slight cold	▪ cảm lạnh nhẹ
152	▪ Snatch of something	▪ phần nhỏ, đoạn ngắn
153	▪ Sole topic	▪ chủ đề chính, duy nhất
154	▪ Splitting headache	▪ đầu đau như búa bổ
155	▪ Squander savings	▪ lãng phí tiền tiết kiệm
156	▪ Stand someone in good stead	▪ có ích cho ai, có lợi cho ai; sẵn sàng giúp đỡ ai
157	▪ State of affairs	▪ tình trạng (chung) của vụ việc này, sự

		kiện trong 1 thời điểm nhất định
158	▪ Strongly ask	▪ mạnh mẽ yêu cầu
159	▪ Substitute something for something	▪ dùng cái gì thay thế cho cái gì khác
160	▪ Suit somebody down to the ground	▪ hoàn toàn thích hợp với ai
161	▪ Take a (heavy, terrible....) toll of something	▪ gây tổn hại, gây thiệt hại
162	▪ Take a course	▪ tham gia vào một khóa học
163	▪ Take effect	▪ có hiệu lực
164	▪ Take its course	▪ phát triển và kết thúc một cách tự nhiên
165	▪ Take something as read	▪ thừa nhận cái gì là đúng mà không bàn cãi
166	▪ Take sth as read	▪ chấp nhận một thứ gì đó là đúng
167	▪ Take the initiative in something	▪ dẫn đầu trong việc gì, khởi xướng việc gì
168	▪ Teach (your) grandmother to suck eggs	▪ trúng đời khôn hơn vịt (dạy ai đó làm việc gì đó mà họ đã biết và thành thạo từ trước rồi)
169	▪ The apple doesn't fall far from the tree	▪ con nhà tông không giống lông cũng giống cánh, hổ phụ sinh hổ tử
170	▪ The big day	▪ ngày trọng đại
171	▪ The death penalty	▪ hình phạt tử hình
172	▪ The length and breadth of	▪ đi hết tất cả mọi nơi của địa điểm nào

	somewhere	đó
173	▪ The letter of the law	▪ tính xác đáng của thuật ngữ pháp lý
174	▪ The quest for a new homeland	▪ cuộc tìm kiếm vùng đất mới
175	▪ The scene of the crime	▪ hiện trường vụ án
176	▪ Thorough examination	▪ kiểm tra tổng quát
177	▪ Thoroughly enjoy yourself	▪ hoàn toàn vui vẻ
178	▪ Throbbing headache	▪ đau nhói đầu
179	▪ Through no fault of one's own	▪ không phải lỗi của ai
180	▪ Throw caution to the winds	▪ thiếu thận trọng, liều lĩnh khi làm gì
181	▪ To do market research	▪ tiến hành, thực hiện nghiên cứu thị trường
182	▪ Tragedy strike	▪ bi kịch ập đến, giáng xuống
183	▪ Under lock and key	▪ được cất giấu an toàn, kỹ lưỡng
184	▪ Under the counter	▪ bán chui, bán lậu
185	▪ Utmost squalor	▪ sự dơ bẩn cực kỳ
186	▪ Vocation for something	▪ năng khiếu với việc gì
187	▪ Warts and all	▪ đầy đủ, không che giấu những nét hư, tật xấu
188	▪ Win - at -all - costs attitude	▪ thái độ háo thắng (muốn chiến thắng bằng mọi giá)
189	▪ Within reach of	▪ ở gần, trong tầm tay
190	▪ Within/in walking distance	▪ không xa lắm

191	▪ Written all over sb's face	▪ lộ rõ trên khuôn mặt
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B. PRACTICE EXERCISES

Exercise 1: Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

Question 1: Because I believed his lies, he _____ me out of a lot of money. I will never believe in him again.

- A. conned B. took C. deceived D. stolen

Question 2: Language belongs to everyone, so most people feel that they have a right to _____ an opinion about it.

- A. express B. have C. hold D. take

Question 3: Open-air markets, for example, always carry huge in-store advertisements when they _____ the prices of products.

- A. slash B. reduce C. increase D. highlight

Question 4: It is always difficult for designer sportswear to _____ into the market because there is too much competition from leading brands like Adidas.

- A. invade B. cut C. break D. interfere

Question 5: When an interviewer from Playboy asked David whether he enjoyed doing "Tonight Show", he gave a vivid _____ of how it felt to face Carson.

- A. imagination B. vision C. feeling D. account

Question 6: Jack prefers to be a big _____ in a small pond so he works for a small company with only sixty employees.

- A. fish B. starfish C. dolphin D. shark

Question 7: Maria doesn't know why she's telling Crystal how to use the piano. It seems to her like teaching your grandmother to suck _____.

- A. pines B. eggs C. lemons D. apples

Question 8: Jim worked many _____ jobs before finally deciding to start his own business. He had collected many experiences for himself.

- A. dead-end B. attractive C. well-paid D. monetary

Question 9: The president didn't agree with our new ideas for the company so we had to go back to the drawing_____.

- A. start B. way C. board D. refreshment

Question 10: My father sees_____when he sees my sister going out with a strange boy.

- A. green B. red C. yellow D. blue

Question 11: You can count the number of times she's offered to buy me a drink on the_____of one hand.

- A. thumbs B. wrists C. fingers D. elbows

Question 12: We had no fighting experience before so we were really_____by the seat of our pants.

- A. flying B. using C. utilizing D. winning

Question 13: She has dreamt about becoming a singer when she was a little girl, so she set her_____on winning the first prize.

- A. heart B. eye C. mind D. head

Question 14: Southern Europe is experiencing a high "brain_____" these days because of the lack of economic prospects.

- A. losing B. lacking C. drain D. rain

Question 15: He literally was at death's_____when a kidney became available for transplant.

- A. verge B. egde C. border D. door

Question 16: He acts like his father. You know, the_____doesn't fall far from the tree.

- A. apple B. strawberry C. orange D. cucumber

Question 17: It_____without saying that Mrs Trang Anh is a very enthusiastic teacher. I love her so much.

- A. goes B. comes C. appears D. gets

Question 18: As soon as Ferlin came to party, he immediately set his_____on Melin. Maybe he was captivated by her.

- A. eye B. heart C. decision D. feeling

Question 19: Making sacrifices in your personal life is part and _____ of being a film star. You should consider this.

A. completion B. half C. whole D. parcel

Question 20: Dawson I hear that the new regulations will take _____ from October 1st, won't it?

A. effect B. force C. power D. use

Question 21: Mary waited for them about 20 minutes and she was very nervous. Fortunately, they arrived alive and _____.

A. safe B. kicking C. vulnerable D. unscathed

Question 22: Crocodiles see well, their eyes are equipped with three eyelids, each having a different function. Their eyeballs slide back out of _____ way during an attack.

A. harm's B. danger's C. injury's D. damage's

Question 23: She took up many hobbies when she retired that she had hardly any _____.

A. in hand B. out of hand C. on her hands D. at hand

Question 24: I'm _____ no mood to go to the party tonight because I have an argument over party cake with Jane this afternoon.

A. in B. at C. for D. under

Question 25: After a few minutes Julia _____ herself together and explained her problem clearly.

A. pulled B. took C. started D. fired

Question 26: Although the hardened criminal committed a crime, there was a strong movement supporting the abolition of the death _____. Many people believed that this punishment is very cruel.

A. punishment B. penalty C. condemnation D. discipline

Question 27: My friend, Karen is hoping that she gets enough experience in the sales team, for her next job, she'll be able to apply for as a sales _____.

A. controller B. manager C. organizer D. conductor

Question 28: Although famous film stars make a fortune but they are always in the public _____.

A. eye investigation **B.** watching **C.** service **D.**

Question 29: The police tried in _____ to persuade the journalist to divulge the source of her information.

A. success
determination

B. failing

C. vain

D.

Question 30: Anna wants to improve her pronunciation so she decided to _____ a course at her school.

A. arrange **B. buy** **C. give** **D. take**

Question 31: In this puzzle, you have a chance to _____ your wits against the most intelligent people in Japan.

A. set **B. try** **C. beat** **D. pit**

Question 32: The drunken couple did nothing to keep the flat clean and tidy and lived in the utmost_____.

A. contamination
convenience

B. pollution

C. squalor

D.

Question 33: Jenny was offered a scholarship to study in Japan and she _____ the opportunity with both hands.

A. agreed **B. hold** **C. grasped** **D. accepted**

Question 34: “In one_____or another I intend to discover the truth. Believe in me” she promises.

A. way **B.** road **C.** path **D.** street

Question 35: The BlackPink's tour is in the_____making their fans very nervous.
They waited for them for a long time.

A. balance **B.** consideration **C.** decision **D.** delay

Question 36: It was a _____ of luck that we found somewhere to park quickly last night.

A. stroke **B. blow** **C. hit** **D. pat**

Question 37: Although I like the dress very much, the _____ cost of it is what really put me off.

A. expensive **B.** extraordinary **C.** cheap **D.** sheer

Question 38: This _____ of affairs shouldn't be allowed to get worse by the government otherwise the masses lose their belief in them.

- A. state B. situation C. prospect D. view

Question 39: Don't criticize me. If you _____ yourself in my position, you would behave the same.

- A. set B. put C. think D. consider

Question 40: Once she's _____ a few tears she'll resign herself to the situation.

- A. shed B. split C. sobbed D. released

Question 41: I've had my car examined three times now but no mechanic has been able to _____ the problem.

- A. focus B. highlight C. pinpoint D. specify

Question 42: Don't thank me for helping in the garden. It was _____ pleasure to be working out of doors.

- A. sheer B. mere C. simple D. plain

Question 43: His father doesn't allow him to use his car because in the hand of a reckless driver like him, a car becomes a _____ weapon.

- A. fatal B. lethal C. mortal D. venal

Question 44: His chance of being picked for the Olympic swimming team is very _____.

- A. big B. poor C. slim D. B and C

Question 45: She had _____ mind which kept her alert and well-informed even in old age.

- A. an examining B. a demanding C. an enquiring D. a querying

Question 46: People in financial difficulties sometimes fall _____ to unscrupulous money lenders.

- A. prey B. fool C. scapegoat D. sacrifice

Question 47: The politician gave a press _____ to deny the charges that had been levelled at him.

- A. conference B. seminar C. discussion D. gathering

Question 48: Experts have now come up with proof that such stories were _____ earnest after all.

- A. on B. in C. at D. under

Question 49: His _____ topic of conversation was the weather, which makes him very tedious.

- A. sole B. only C. important D. loving

Question 50: I'm sorry Bob. I haven't got the time to do my own work, _____ alone help you with yours.

- A. let B. do C. come D. leave

Exercise 2: Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

Question 1: His English was roughly on a _____ with my Greek, so communication was rather difficult.

- A. similarity B. same C. position D. par

Question 2: The job requires a(n) _____ for hard work in difficult conditions. If you can, apply for it.

- A. ability B. competence C. capacity D. faculty

Question 3: He left the meeting early on the unlikely _____ that he had a sick friend to visit and had to come home immediately.

- A. pretext B. excuse C. claim D. motivation

Question 4: He looks much older. His financial worries seem to have taken a terrible _____ on his health.

- A. burden B. toll C. stress D. strain

Question 5: Apart from the _____ cough and cold, I've been remarkably healthy all my life.

- A. odd B. opportune C. regular D. timely

Question 6: Jane has got such a _____ headache that she can't concentrate on the lecture. She has a permit to stay home until she's healthy.

- A. beating B. drumming C. hammering D. throbbing

Question 7: The real test of your relationship will come when you start to see your new boyfriend_____ and all.

- A. faults B. warts C. spots D. moles

Question 8: He told the court that it was his desperate poverty that had_____him to steal the bread. The court decided to send him in prison for 2 days.

- A. driven B. forced C. led D. brought

Question 9: She gave up nursing training when she found she had no_____for looking after the sick.

- A. vocation B. mission C. ambition D. dream

Question 10: Don't worry about making a noise. The children are wide_____. They are watching cartoon.

- A. awake B. woken C. waking D. awoke

Question 11: This rehabilitation scheme is at a_____.They are trying their best to come up with the solution.

- A. hill B. moutain C. standstill D. valley

Question 12: They were_____in conversation and didn't notice me leaving the room. When they called me to ask where I went, I had been at home for 15 minutes.

- A. deep B. thoroughly C. solidly D. captivated

Question 13: I was really looking forward to going to the game and I could hardly wait until the_____day came.

- A. major B. important C. big D. huge

Question 14: Jack was tired of working for other people. He hate being criticized unfairly by them, so he decided to_____his own business.

- A. run B. open C. start D. initiate

Question 15: They eventually_____a consensus on the new bussiness plan after discussing for two weeks.

- A. reached B. achieved C. had D. came

Question 16: Advertising companies always do a lot of market_____before they design new products.

- A. investigation B. examination C. exploration D. research

Question 17: The company made _____ at their stores in New Zealand and many employees were dismissed.

A. money B. success C. cutbacks D. failure

Question 18: They pay one month in _____ to all their designers making them very worried.

A. later B. after C. arrears D. full

Question 19: Jonie _____ all his savings in an unsuccessful business plan because of his arrogant character.

A. lost B. failed C. squandered D. consumed

Question 20: An increase in rents in the shopping mall increased the _____ costs of all the shops which operated there.

A. fixed B. total C. whole D. overhead

Question 21: Kenny believes that sport professionals deserve high salaries because constant hard training is necessary so that they can _____ themselves to the limit when they compete.

A. exert B. ahead C. go D. apply

Question 22: One of the causes of obesity is that many people are out of _____ and don't do exercise regularly.

A. condition B. shape C. weight D. fitness

Question 23: Youth sport is being ruined by a win-at-all-costs _____, which includes cheating and breaking the rules to achieve victory.

A. desire B. attitude C. dream D. yearning

Question 24: Some people believe that it is waste to _____ money into space research. Nevertheless, they are wrong.

A. pour B. invest C. earn D. spend

Question 25: Most of the arguments in favour of space programs are in the _____ of science fiction.

A. dawn B. area C. field D. realm

Question 26: As humans are destroying their own planet, the _____ for a new homeland in the universe is essential.

A. demand B. quest C. request D. search

Question 27: It is necessary at times to infringe on personal freedoms because people who lack necessary experience or who are not in the _____ of physical condition sometimes take up dangerous sports.

- A. peak B. high C. height D. maximum

Question 28: I believe that the courts must apply the strict _____ of the law and impose the harshest possible sentences on criminals.

- A. force B. method C. letter D. power

Question 29: Many schools have abandoned the policy of _____ punishment for children who misbehave and prefer to give extra work or detention after school instead.

- A. corporal B. physical C. strict D. mental

Question 30: The young offender was put on _____ because his crime was not serious enough to send him to prison.

- A. probation B. immunity C. consideration D. trial

Question 31: Don't take it as _____ that you'll be promoted in your job, other colleagues stand a good chance too.

- A. standard B. availability C. read D. common

Question 32: The planes were delayed and the hotel was awful, but by the same _____ we still had a good time.

- A. value B. contrary C. as D. token

Question 33: My grandfather didn't have any _____ of phoning me last night. He is forgetful.

- A. remembrance B. reminding C. recollection D. reminiscence

Question 34: Few people can do creative work unless they are in the right _____ of mind. What about you?

- A. frame B. trend C. attitude D. pattern

Question 35: The experimental play was only a _____ success, which disappointed the playwright.

- A. local B. qualified C. cautious D. huge

Question 36: It was mindless of you to slap Jerky in the _____. You should never have done it if you expect him to love you.

- A. face B. heart C. head D. mind

Question 37: It had been assumed Feryen would take over the manager's post after the man retired. But, it never _____ to pass since he's decided to change his place of work.

- A. came B. happened C. coincided D. ran

Question 38: Reading between the _____, it seems neither Cole nor Ledley King will be going to Japan next month.

- A. lines B. columns C. situations D. people

Question 39: We've got some time to _____ before the meeting begins, so let's go for a stroll in the park. I want to have a coffee.

- A. destroy B. kill C. pass D. spend

Question 40: "There is no further treatment we can give", said Dr Jekyll, "We must let the disease take its _____",

- A. end B. term C. trend D. course

Question 41: They could sail out for days into the unknown and assess the area, secure in the _____ that if they didn't find anything, they could turn about and catch a swift ride back on the trade winds.

- A. belief B. mind C. knowledge D. miss

Question 42: Rose has been all over the world, but he still has a _____ for seeing new places and enjoying new experiences.

- A. thirst B. dream C. crave D. yearning

Question 43: Space tourism would be really tedious, simply _____ through space and looking out of the window of the spacecraft.

- A. flying B. moving C. floating D. running

Question 44: While Vietnam is quickly moving up the _____ into smartphones and semiconductors, the biggest chunk of its exports to the UK remained textiles.

- A. success B. tendency C. fame D. ladder

Question 45: He used to have a deep _____ to fish but now he likes it too much. He eats fish three times a week.

A. dislike B. aversion C. intimacy D. warmth

Question 46: The high quality of Mercedes cars has enabled the company to gain a competitive_____over its rivals in the world markets.

A. advantage B. money C. edge D. strategy

Question 47: The car company has closed down so 1000 employees have been made_____. Now they don't know what to do to make a living.

A. redundant B. overthrown C. overflowed D. bountiful

Question 48: I was so nervous about meeting Sophie's parents for the first time, but her dad immediately broke the_____by asking about my car, and everything went great after that.

A. boulder B. ice C. stone D. rock

Question 49: After my brother won a little bit money from lottery, he began throwing _____to the winds and gambling everything we had.

A. caution B. money C. status D. alertness

Question 50: Lyn was very excited when she saw that bird but her brother told her it wasn't a rare bird, just a common or_____sparrow.

A. ordinary B. common C. garden D. strange

Exercise 3: Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

Question 1: In Lorchester's_____centre you can enjoy high-quality urban living, with reliable public transport and shops and restaurants.

A. busy B. bustling C. hectic D. flurry

Question 2: Key features of the plan include the restoration of_____buildings and a tree-planting scheme.

A. unreliable B. rustic C. derelict D. desirable

Question 3:_____roads are normal on holiday weekends.

A. congested B. choked C. massed D. stuffed

Question 4: With commercial and recreational facilities within_____distance and open all hours, it is hoped that people will choose to leave their cars at home.

A. running B. miles C. comfortable D. walking

Question 5: He lives in a tiny house in the middle of _____ where nothing ever happened and where I felt bored.

A. nowhere B. quiet C. beyond D. track

Question 6: Look at the time! We'd better get a _____ on or we're going to be late.

A. rush B. move C. jump D. hurry

Question 7: You travel so much! I can't keep _____ of all the countries you have been to.

A. note B. chance C. track D. sign

Question 8: I don't want to raise your _____, but there's a chance we might be flying to America.

A. hope B. belief C. understanding D. ambition

Question 9: I can't believe that woman just tried to _____ the queue and got to the front first.

A. break B. form C. join D. jump

Question 10: My dad's beginning to _____ grey, and he's only 35.

A. turn B. change C. go D. raise

Question 11: I followed your instructions to the _____ but I still couldn't get the printer to work properly.

A. word B. letter C. alphabet D. line

Question 12: Reading _____ the lines, it seems that the government's considering tightening media regulations.

A. between B. beyond C. among D. from

Question 13: You've had some good news, haven't you? It's written all over your _____

A. head B. nose C. face D. ear

Question 14: I take it as _____ that you've checked your facts carefully.

A. granted B. certain C. sure D. read

Question 15: Many politicians will only speak to journalists if their comments are off the _____.

A. record B. office C. censor D. point

Question 16: Don't break the rules - just do it by the_____.

A. time B. charge C. book D. word

Question 17: We've travelled the length and_____of the country looking for the next Teen Star.

A. width B. breadth C. depth D. load

Question 18: Some people will go to any_____to make money.

A. length B. cost C. price D. condition

Question 19: If the manager says anything about the missed deadlines., just_____your tongue, say nothing and we can discuss it later.

A. swallow B. eat C. suck D. bite

Question 20: I didn't realize you were so_____interested in fishing.

A. keenly B. vividly C. extensively D. patently

Question 21: I'm hoping this work experience stand me in good_____in my future career.

A. stead B. ground C. footing D. precedent

Question 22: Take the doctor's advice into consideration. He's in_____earnest about the epidemic.

A. deadly B. fatally C. gravely D. mortally

Question 23: Pornography may be illegal banned but it is still available_____the counter.

A. on B. beneath C. under D. in

Question 24: We all have to follow the rules- none of us is_____the law.

A. beyond B. over C. above D. onto

Question 25: Paul's been in Alice's bad_____ever since he offended her at the party.

A. eyes B. books C. likes D. treats

Question 26: Feel free to come to us at all_____if you need our advice.

A. whiles B. moments C. hours D. occasions

Question 27: If you do that again you'll be in_____trouble!

A. deep B. dire C. adverse D. detrimental

Question 28: The professor's _____ theory is singing the preceded speech.

- A. fond B. fancied C. pet D. preferable

Question 29: It may be raining but I'm _____ enjoying myself.

- A. thoroughly B. desperately C. highly D. extremely

Question 30: The first amusement park in our city was a _____ success for its owners. Everyone would go there to have a good time.

- A. cracking B. roaring C. sparkling D. ringing

Question 31: I'd opt for a glass of mineral water just to _____ my thirst.

- A. quiver B. quieten C. quench D. quit

Question 32: It never _____ my mind that he was lying to me.

- A. entered B. crossed C. occurred D. put

Question 33: Don't thank me for helping you in the garden. It was _____ pleasure to be working out of doors.

- A. plain B. mere C. simple D. sheer

Question 34: He's a nice guy, _____ always _____ ready to do somebody a good _____.

- A. help B. play C. turn D. support

Question 35: She worried _____ about her exams and couldn't focus on her revision.

- A. constantly B. practically C. decidedly D. endlessly

Question 36: If it hadn't been for the hint the professor _____, nobody would have found out the correct answer.

- A. dropped B. cast C. threw D. flung

Question 37: A middle-aged man was running away from the _____ of the crime.

- A. place B. scene C. location D. point

Question 38: The most powerful force in a teenager's life is probably _____ pressure.

- A. friend B. peer C. company D. crowd

Question 39: We finally managed to _____ our way through the crowd and reach the exit.

- A. create B. insist C. move D. force

Question 40: Since it was a minor crime, Derk was sent to _____ prison.

A. an open B. an easy C. a soft D. a weak

Question 41: Don't worry - the documents are safely_____lock and key at my place.

A. under B. in C. on D. within

Question 42: Who need more than the_____necessities of life?

A. naked B. pure C. bare D. sole

Question 43: Over the_____of the next few years, their relationship changed completely.

A. span B. spell C. course D. term

Question 44: Although he was a hardened criminal, his one_____feature was his love of children.

A. saving B. redeeming C. recovering D. acquitting

Question 45: When I got stuck in the elevator, I was scared out of my_____.

A. brains B. heads C. wits D. nerves

Question 46: It seems too good to be true. Are you sure this guy is on the_____?

A. flat B. wagon C. level D. town

Question 47: I'm going for a walk in the park. Would you like to_____me company?

A. keep B. stay C. ward D. follow

Question 48: He let it_____that the Prime Minister was a friend of his.

A. announce B. talk C. drop D. infer

Question 49: Let's_____the place; it looks so gloomy and unpleasant.

A. miss B. depart C. disappear D. abandon

Question 50: For stamps and coins to be of value, they need to be in_____condition.

A. might B. flat C. sharp D. mint

Exercise 4: Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

Question 1: The whole movie was filmed on_____in the Southern Indian.

A. site B. location C. spot D. venue

Question 2: Eventually the list of candidates for the job was_____down to three.

A. lowered B. decreased C. narrowed D. dropped

Question 3: The doctor gave the patient a(n) _____ examination to discover the cause of his collapse.

A. thorough B. universal C. exact D. whole

Question 4: Dana bought a lot of _____ drinks such as lemonade and orangeade.

A. frozen B. fresh C. flat D. fizzy

Question 5: What he told me was a _____ of lies.

A. pack B. load C. mob D. flock

Question 6: Candace would _____ her little sister into an argument by teasing her and calling her names.

A. advocate B. provoke C. prompt D. trigger

Question 7: If you are on a diet, you should _____ honey for sugar in your tea.

A. change B. substitute C. replace D. convert

Question 8: The heavy rain lashed on _____ throughout the night without letting up.

A. continually B. continuously C. perpetually D. eternally

Question 9: Due to the computer malfunction all our data was lost. So unhappily, we had to begin all the calculations from _____.

A. onset B. source C. original D. scratch

Question 10: Do you think this kind of meat _____ itself to stewing?

A. allows B. gives C. offers D. lends

Question 11: It was Martain who _____ the initiative in introducing our guests to the princess.

A. adopted B. took C. led D. pursued

Question 12: I was _____ tired. However, I made up my mind to apply myself to this task once again.

A. awfully B. acutely C. hugely D. intensely

Question 13: You may feel sure the casting will be done perfectly, just _____ your trust in me and you will see I'm right.

A. lay B. grant C. forward D. allow

Question 14: The _____ boards in the staircase would always wake us up whenever somebody climbed up at night.

A. screeching B. cracking C. roaring D. creaking

Question 15: His parents have always wanted Phillip to set a good _____ to his younger brothers both at school and at home.

A. form B. model C. pattern D. guidance

Question 16: "This will cause all sorts of problems". "I know. It's a _____ for disaster".

A. recipe B. ingredient C. receipt D. reason

Question 17: He didn't mean to be offensive; it was quite an _____ remark.

A. innocuous B. indehiscent C. incendiary D. insidious

Question 18: Poor management brought the company to the _____ of collapse.

A. brink B. rim C. fringe D. brim

Question 19: He will be sue for _____ of contract if he does not do what he promised.

A. breach B. fracture C. crack D. rupture

Question 20: When people live in such close _____ to each other, there are bound to be occasional problems.

A. neighbourhood B. vicinity C. position D. proximity

Question 21: I'm a vegetarian. I refuse to eat meat on _____.

A. belief B. conscience C. principle D. theory

Question 22: Tragedy _____ yesterday when a man was swept out to sea by a freak wave.

A. struck B. sparked C. hit D. came

Question 23: Patients who are _____ ill often prefer to die at home surrounded by their loved ones.

A. lethally B. terminally C. ultimately D. eventually

Question 24: Her last movie was a surprise _____ hit.

A. box-department B. box-ticking C. box-top D. box-office

Question 25: He had such _____ pain that he had to _____ lie quite still in his bed.

A. agonizing B. excruciating C. extreme D. piercing

Question 26: Whenever we plan to go on a picnic, it _____ rains.

A. continuously B. invariably C. unavoidably D. interminably

Question 27: The drugs did nothing to _____ her suffering.

A. alleviate B. mollify C. minimize D. lighten

Question 28: We could have provided him with a detached house but he _____ asked for a small flat.

A. decidedly B. specifically C. strongly D. solely

Question 29: She's not in pain, She's just felt a _____ ache at the back of her head.

A. lasting B. dull C. dim D. deadly

Question 30: Sally has an _____ command of the French language.

A. extreme B. utter C. outstanding D. intensive

Question 31: I had a heavy cold and _____ headache, so I wasn't in good mood.

A. splitting B. dreadful C. frightful D. horrible

Question 32: I took a day off work yesterday. It was nothing serious, just a _____ cold.

A. light B. slight C. biting D. nasty

Question 33: I didn't see the whole occurrence. I just managed to catch a _____ of it.

A. glimpse B. look C. sight D. view

Question 34: You can't expect to win the competition. Your drawings are _____ near as professional as the other painters' ones.

A. never B. nothing C. nowhere D. nobody

Question 35: You may use the facilities freely. They are all at your _____.

A. disposition B. dispossession C. display D. disposal

Question 36: The passengers were asked to put on life belts for the _____ of their safety.

A. risk B. sake C. care D. point

Question 37: Because we live within easy _____ of the city centre, we don't have to travel to school by bus.

A. range B. distance C. access D. reach

Question 38: It was hard to make head or _____ of what the man was talking about.

A. neck B. back C. nose D. tail

Question 39: The actor was so nervous that he could only remember small_____ of dialogue

A. shreds B. pieces C. patches D. snatches

Question 40: Even the other convicts considered it a_____ crime.

A. guilty B. hard-bitten C. heinous D. hell-bent

Question 41: She resigned_____. No one forced her to do so.

A. for her own sake B. of her own accord C. with a will D. on purpose

Question 42: It is far too easy to lay the blame_____on the shoulders of the management.

A. flatly B. willingly C. squarely D. perfectly

Question 43: The brother and sister were_____over who would get to inherit the beach house.

A. at large B. at odds C. at a standstill D. at a loose end

Question 44: Social work suits her _____to the ground.

A. for B. down C. out D. round

Question 45: He lost his job_____ no fault of his own.

A. with B. by C. through D. over

Question 46: He's so lazy! We all have to work harder because he's always_____ his duties.

A. evading B. shirking C. ducking D. dodging

Question 47: I found the information for the project in the encyclopaedia but I couldn't give_____and verse on it.

A. chapter B. unit C. poem D. extract

Question 48: A meal in that restaurant costs the_____but still it is always packed.

A. world B. soil C. earth D. moon

Question 49: Because of cutbacks in council spending, plans for the new swimming pool had to be_____.

A. stockpiled B. overthrown C. shelved D. disrupted

Question 50: With traffic _____ along the main roads, residents seeking to emerge from the side roads in which they live find it virtually impossible to do so.

- A. bumper to bumper B. hectic C. dense D. neaten

Exercise 5: Choose the best answer to complete the following sentences

Question 1: I get quite depressed when I think about the damage we are _____ to the environment.

- A. having B. taking C. making D. causing

Question 2: Unfortunately, we've made _____.

- A. little progress B. a few progresses
C. little progresses D. few progress

Question 3: I stayed there with her for a while before I left.

- A. in the difficult time B. whenever she needed me
C. for relaxation D. for a short period of time

Question 4: I am glad that we see eye to eye on the matter of the conference location.

- A. dislike B. agree C. disagree D. approve

Question 5: Although the new library service has been very successful, its future is _____ certain.

- A. by all means B. by any chance C. at any rate D. by no means

Question 6: The hall was very crowded with over a hundred people _____ into it.

- A. stuck B. packed C. pushed D. stuffed

Question 7: The move to a different environment brought about a significant _____ in my cousin's state of mind.

- A. influence B. impact C. change D. effect

Question 8: In order to avoid boredom, the most important thing is to keep oneself _____.

A. By virtue of **B.** With regard to

C. In view of **D.** In recognition of

Question 17: During the Medieval period, people were made public _____ of being witches.

- A. complaint B. criminal C. trouble D.
accusation

Question 18: That disable boy's victory in the race set the _____ example to all students in the school.

- A. finest B. first-class C. rarest D. most
convenient

Question 19: Thanks to the help of the teacher, she is _____ encouraging progress in math.

- A. doing B. making C. checking D.
stopping

Question 20: She's a down-to-earth woman with no pretensions.

- A. ambitious B. creative C. idealistic D.
practical

Question 21: There has been a hot debate among the scientists relating to the pros and cons of using robotic probes to study distant objects in space.

- A. problems and solutions B. advantages and disadvantages
C. solutions and limitations D. causes and effects

Question 22: Poaching _____ the greatest threat to many species.

- A. creates B. presents C. poses D.
produces

Question 23: The tiger is _____ of extinction. It is difficult to find them in the wild.

- A. on the wing B. on the rocks
C. on the verge D. on the ground

Question 24: It is not always easy to _____ the difference between fact and opinion.

- A. make B. say C. do D. tell

Question 25: In my _____, freedom of the press must be maintained.

- A. mind B. sight C. view D.
thought

Question 26: The issue _____ question is more complex than you think.

- A. in B. from C. on D. at

Question 27: The situation got out of hand when the festival organisers couldn't foresee that the mob would get angry because they were stopped from taking the offerings.

- A. hard to complete B. difficult to control
C. impossible to find D. unlikely to happen

Question 28: Once you have been accepted as a pupil or student at the school or college, it's _____ the law for them to discriminate against you because of your religion or belief.

- A. in B. for C. out of D. against

Question 29: Integration and assimilation can help reduce feelings of loss and grief as the migrant starts to incorporate aspects of the majority culture.

- A. disadvantage B. disapproval
C. discrimination D. sadness

Question 30: He said he was only joking, but his comments were so close to the bone.

- A. annoying B. offensive C. personal D.
respectful

Question 31: Ten million text messages are sent on _____ every minute.

- A. account B. average C. common D. general

Question 32: Unluckily, David's dangerous and incredible journey in search of the Blue Fairy is in _____.

- A. advance B. danger C. end D. vain

Question 33: Most scientists believe that the day when robots become part of our lives will come _____.

- A. from time to time B. more or less
C. sooner or later D. later than never

Question 34: Researchers have _____ to the conclusion that your personality is affected by your genes.

A. arrived B. come C. got D.
reached

Question 35: The telescope will photograph distant galaxies, _____ attempt to understand their past.

A. in B. for C. on D. with

Question 36: It is likely that artificial intelligence might decide to _____ an end to humanity simply because it surpasses human intelligence.

A. come B. make C. put D. take

Question 37: I don't think people should be allowed to _____ experiments on animals.

A. create B. make C. perform D.
produce

Question 38: Many materials have been used for _____ teeth, including wood.

A. artificial B. hand-made C. false D. natural

Question 39: A.I. techniques help medical doctors to discover subtle interactions between medications that put patience in jeopardy because of their serious side effect.

A. at risk B. in reality
C. under control D. under pressure

Question 40: The purpose of running a business is to make a _____.

A. service B. profit C. money D.
contribution

Question 41: She's doing well so she was promoted last year. Now she's in charge of a small team of four people.

A. controls B. supervises C. takes over D. rules

Question 42: I've been working here for over ten years now and I'm on first- name terms with everyone, even the CEO.

A. getting on B. happy
C. having an informal/friendly relationship D. satisfied

Question 43: Jane used to be very excellent as a child and now she's the CEO of a big multinational company. However, her brother is a blue-collar worker in a small local factory.

- A. mental B. low-paid C. manual D. regular

Question 44: When applying for a certain job, you'll be at an advantage if you have hands-on experience.

- A. relevant B. prior
C. practical D. considerable

Question 45: When the factory closed, over a hundred people were made redundant.

- A. fired B. sacked C. laid off D. appointed

Question 46: I am writing in _____ to your advertisement on Vietnamwork.com for the post of a personal assistant.

- A. connection B. association C. relation D. response

Question 47: I'd like to speak to the person in _____ please.

- A. duty B. responsibility C. obligation D. charge

Question 48: I would be grateful for an opportunity to visit your company and discuss my application with you _____.

- A. in privacy B. individually C. privately D. in person

Question 49: Like many young people today, I'm thinking about taking a year _____ first, or as people often say, spending a year at "the university of life".

- A. off B. away C. out D. at

Question 50: The atmosphere at work was so bad that Brian eventually decided to hand in his notice.

- A. notify the boss B. apply for another job
C. give up his job D. be given a better job

Question 51: My boss has a reputation for being such a slave-driver!

- A. working overtime B. working excessively hard

C. being slave to work

D. making his staff work too hard

Question 52: We want to recruit the brightest and the best. If you think you fit the bill, fill in an application form today.

A. are able to pay the bill

B. are suitable

C. are of the right size

D. are excellent

Question 53: I'd go mad if I had to do a dead-end job like working on a supermarket checkout.

A. demanding

B. challenging

C. fascinating

D. boring

Question 54: Steve _____ his chances of passing by spending too much time on the first question.

A. threw away

B. threw in

C. threw off

D. threw out

Question 55: After congratulating his team, the coach left, allowing the players to let their _____ down for a while.

A. hearts

B. hair

C. souls

D. heads

Question 56: Making mistake is all _____ of growing up.

A. bits and bobs

B. odds and ends

C. part and parcel

D. top and bottom

Question 57: The judge _____ murderer to a lifetime imprisonment.

A. prosecuted

B. sentenced

C. convicted

D. accused

Question 58: Alice said: "That guy is _____ gorgeous. I wish he would ask me out."

A. dead-centre

B. drop shot

C. jumped-up

D. drop-dead

Question 59: The situation seems to be changing minute _____ minute.

A. by

B. to

C. and

D. in

Question 60: Jose had a hard time comparing the iPhone to the Samsung phone because to him they were apples and oranges.

A. containing too many technical details

B. very similar

C. completely different

D. very complicated

Question 61: The party leader travelled the length and _____ of the country in an attempt to spread his message.

A. width

B. distance

C. diameter

D. breadth

Question 62: Vietnam U23 made not only Asia but also Europe keep a close eye on them. They _____ internationally.

A. have made headlines

B. had made headlines

C. have done headlines

D. did headlines

Question 63: If we didn't _____ any measures to protect whales, they would disappear forever.

A. use

B. make

C. take

D. do

Question 64: It is the _____ of stupidity to go walking in the mountains in this weather.

A. height

B. depth

C. source

D. matter

Question 65: The works of such men as the English philosophers John Locke and Thomas Hobbes helped pave the way for academic freedom in the modern sense.

A. terminate

B. prevented

C. enhanced

D. incorporated

Question 66: Since the death of Laura's father, her mother has become a breadwinner to support the family.

A. a person who bakes bread every morning

B. a bakery-owner

C. a person who delivers bread to make money

D. a person who goes out to work to earn money

Question 67: Peter is the black sheep of the family, so he is never welcomed there.

A. a beloved member
member

B. a bad and embarrassing

C. the only child

D. the eldest child

Question 68: Both universities speak _____ of the programme of student exchange and hope to cooperate more in the future.

- A. highly B. quickly C. rapidly D. fast

Question 69: On hearing that she failed the entrance exam, Trang couldn't help _____ into tears.

- A. bursting B. burst C. to bursting D. to burst

Question 70: She didn't enjoy her first year at college because she failed to _____ her new friends.

- A. come in for B. look down on
C. go down with D. get on with

Question 71: The world work is developing very quickly. If you don't selflearn continuously, we will not social movements.

- A. put up with B. keep up with
C. get on with D. deal with

Question 72: He has been waiting for this letter for days, and at _____ it has come.

- A. the end B. last C. the moment D. present

Question 73: There's a list of repairs as long as _____ .

- A. your arm B. a pole C. your arms D. a mile

Question 74: I tried to talk to her, but she was as high as a _____.

- A. kite B. house C. sky D. wall

Question 75: The jury _____ her compliments _____ her excellent knowledge of the subject.

- A. returned/to B. paid/to C. returned/on D. paid / on

Question 76: You may **note down** your qualifications and experience that can relate to the job.

- A. put down B. hold down C. draw down D. jot down

Question 77: Many large corporations will be wiped out and millions of jobs will be lost.

- A. escalated
eradicated
- B. erased
- C. threatened
- D.

Question 78: On the whole, the rescue mission was well executed.

- A. In fact
- B. In particular
- C. At once
- D. In general

Question 79: It's difficult to tell him to give in because he is so big-headed.

- A. wise
- B. generous
- C. modest
- D. arrogant

Question 80: With this type of insurance, you're buying_____of mind.

- A. peace
- B. satisfaction
- C. calmness
- D. contentment

Question 81: We're over the_____! Who wouldn't be? We've just won £1 million!

- A. planet
- B. clouds
- C. stars
- D. moon

Question 82: Of course you'll pass. You write well and you have an excellent _____of the subject.

- A. grip
- B. seizure
- C. grasp
- D. embrace

Question 83: I told you clearly and definitely not to write your answers in pencil, Tom!

- A. considerably
- B. thoroughly
- C. altogether
- D. specifically

Question 84: As a newspaper reporter, she always wanted to get information at first hand.

- A. indirectly
- B. directly
- C. easily
- D. slowly

Question 85: Could you _____me a lift into town?

- A. give
- B. get
- C. do
- D. make

Question 86: Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May was the first world leader to pay a _____ Trump at the White House after his inauguration last year.

- A. visited B. visiting C. visit to D. visit

Question 87: Vietnam reached the semi-finals of the AFC U23 Championship 2018 with a penalty shootout win _____ Iraq on Saturday, January 20th , 2018.

- A. over B. with C. against D. in

Question 88: If we use robots instead of humans, many people may be out of work.

- A. employed B. jobless
C. inemployed D. unemployed

Question 89: It was no accident that he broke my glasses. He did it purpose.

- A. with B. on C. by D. about

Question 90: I read the contract again and again _____ avoiding making spelling mistakes.

- A. in terms of B. by means of
C. with a view to D. in view of

Question 91: It's no use talking to me about metaphysics. It's a closed book to me.

- A. a subject that I don't understand B. a theme that I like to discuss
C. a book that is never opened D. an object that I really love

Question 92: Her outgoing character contrasts _____ with that of her sister.

- A. thoroughly B. fully C. sharply D. coolly

Question 93: Learning Spanish isn't so difficult once you _____.

- A. get away with it B. get off it C. get down to it D. get on it

Question 94: Please don't _____ a word of this to anyone else, it's highly confidential.

- A. speak B. pass C. mutter D. breathe

Question 95: You never really know where you are with her as she just blows hot and cold.

A. keeps going

B. keeps taking things

C. keeps changing her mood

D. keeps testing

Question 96: "Edwards seems like a dog with two tails this morning." - "Haven't you heard the news? His wife gave birth a baby boy early this morning."

A. extremely happy

C. extremely disappointed

B. exhausted

D. very proud

Question 97: Ann has always made _____ in everything she has done.

A. fit

B. perfect

C. good

D.

excellent

Question 98: In spite of his poverty, he led a devoted life to the revolutionary _____.

A. aim

B. goal

C. cause

D. reason

Question 99: She simply took it for granted that the check was good and did not ask him any questions about it.

A. permitted it

B. accepted it without

investigation

C. objected to it

D. looked it over

Question 100: My uncle was _____ ill last summer; however, fortunately, he is now making a slow but steady recovery.

A. seriously

B. deeply

C. fatally

D.

critically

Question 101: This is _____ the most difficult job I've ever had to do.

A. by chance

B. by myself

C. by far

D. by

heart

Question 102: Before the mid-nineteenth century, people in the United States ate most foods only _____ season.

A. in

B. out

C. out of

D. along

Question 103: Josh may get into hot water when driving at full speed after drinking.

A. get into trouble

B. stay safe

C. fall into disuse

D. remain calm

Question 104: Though he had known about it well in _____, he pretended to be surprised at having a birthday party.

A. advance

B. addition

C. contrast

D. general

Question 105: Thomas knows Paris like the back of his _____. He used to be a taxi driver there for 2 years.

A. head

B. mind

C. hand

D. life

Question 106: In a modern family, the husband is expected to join hands with his wife to _____ the household chores.

A. do

B. make

C. run

D. take

Question 107: While everyone else in this class prefers to work in groups, Alice likes working _____.

A. on her own

B. of her own

C. on herself

herself

D. in

Question 108: Reaching 35 and obviously aging, Jane has to make up her mind on her future very soon.

A. give a thought about

B. Pay attention to

C. prepare a plan for

D. make a decision on

Question 109: - "Well, cats are very good at catching mice around the house."

- " _____ "

A. Nothing more to say

B. You can say that again

C. Yes, I hope so

D. No, dogs are very good, too

Question 110: My wife was so keen on the picture that she paid through her _____ for it.

A. eyes

B. ears

C. head

D. nose

Question 111: She _____ him for her father's death.

A. accused

B. charged

C. complained

D. blamed

Question 112: He left the country _____ arrest if he returned.

A. in fear of

B. under threat of

C. with fear of

D. with threat of

Question 113: He was a natural singer with a voice that was as clear as_____.

- A. a bell B. a mirror C. a waterfall D. a lake

Question 114: He may be shy now, but he will soon come out of his_____when he meets the right girl.

- A. shoe B. hole C. shed D. shell

Question 115: It's not easy to make Lisa furious. The girl is very gentle by_____.

- A. herself B. nature C. personality D.
reaction

Question 116: The human criterion for perfect vision is 20/20 for reading the standard lines on a Snellen eye chart_____a hitch.

- A. without B. with C. on D. of

Question 117: Although the teacher has done his best to help all students, none of them made any effort on their part.

- A. made B. tried C. attempted D. taken

Question 118: Sarah goes to the theater once in a_____moon.

- A. red B. green C. blue D. light

Question 119: Dr.Evans has_____a valuable contribution to the life of the school.

- A. done B. created C. caused D. made

Question 120: Sportsmen_____their political differences on the sports field.

- A. take part B. put aside C. take place D. keep
apart

Question 121: Looking down at the coral reef, we saw_____of tiny, multicoloured fish.

- A. teams B. flocks C. shoals D.
swarms

Question 122: A bridge must be strong enough to support its own weight_____the weight of the people and vehicles that use it.

- A. as far as B. as long as C. so well as D. as well
as

Question 123: When finding a new house, parents should _____ all the conditions for their children's education and entertainment.

- A. take into account
- B. take actions
- C. put pressure
- D. put up with

Question 124: You have to be on your toes if you want to beat her.

- A. pay all your attention to what you are doing
- B. upset her in what she is doing
- C. get involved in what she is doing
- D. make her comply with your orders

Question 125: In _____ age of computers, it is difficult to imagine how tedious work of accountants and clerks must have been in the past.

- A. that
- B. the
- C. this
- D. its

Question 126: Since he failed his exam, he had to _____ for it again.

- A. pass
- B. make
- C. take
- D. sit

Question 127: John paid \$2 for his meal, _____ he had thought it would cost.

- A. not as much
- B. not so much as
- C. less as
- D. not so many as

Question 128: It is very important for a film or a company to keep _____ the changes in the market.

- A. pace of
- B. track about
- C. touch with
- D. up with

Question 129: I'm sure you'll have no _____ the exam.

- A. difficulty passing
- B. difficulties to pass
- C. difficulty to pass
- D. difficulties of passing

Question 130: My brother left his job last week because he did not have any _____ to travel.

- A. position
- B. chance
- C. ability
- D. location

Question 131: The noise from the nearby factory kept me _____

- A. awake
- B. awakened
- C. waking
- D. woken

Question 132: Make sure you _____ us a visit when you are in town again

- A. pay B. have C. give D. do

Question 133: I used to run a mile before breakfast but now I am _____

- A. not used to it B. no longer practice it
C. out of practice D. out of the habit

Question 134: The government is determined to _____ terrorism

- A. put the stop to B. put stop to
C. put stops to D. put a stop to

Question 135: Liquid milk is usually pasteurized in order to kill bacteria for a longer _____.

- A. expectancy B. production C. living D. shelflife

Question 136: The majority of people accept that modern drugs are the most effective way to cure a(n) _____

- A. sicken B. illness C. symptom D. treatment

Question 137: We are going to build a fence around the field with _____ to breeding sheep and cattle

- A. a goal B. an outlook C. a reason D. a view

Question 138: The meeting didn't _____ until late.

- A. end up B. breakup
C. come about D. fall through

Question 139: Fiona is very angry _____ her boss's decision to sack several members of staff.

- A. against B. by C. for D. about

Question 140: When his parents are away, his oldest brother _____.

- A. knocks it off B. calls the shots
C. draws the line D. is in the same boat

Question 141: I am glad I was able to be there for my friend when her mom died.

- A. to offer support in time of need for B. to cry with

C. to travel with

D. to visit

Question 142: When you consider all the advantages you've gained I think you'll admit you had a good_____for your money.

A. profit

B. benefit

C. run

D. term

Question 143: The teacher at this school_____with flu one after the other.

A. went down

B. went off

C. went out

D. went under

Question 144: Can I_____our brain for a moment? I can't do this crossword by myself.

A. use

B. have

C. mind

D. pick

Question 145: The detective was asked to **probe into** the mysterious disappearance of the painting.

A. investigate

B. procure

C. recover

D.

relinquish

Question 146: The piece of work is urgent and must be done_____delay.

A. with

B. no

C. not

D.

without

Question 147: These machines are older models and have to be operated **by hand**.

A. mechanically

B. manually

C. automatically

D.

spiritually

Question 148: Toxic chemicals from factories are one of the serious factors that leads wildlife to the_____of extinction.

A. wall

B. fence

C. verge

D. bridge

Question 149: When old Mr. Barnaby died, several people_____their claim to the substantial legacy that he left.

A. placed

B. drew

C. assumed

D. laid

Question 150: Hearing about people who mistreat animals makes me go hot under the_____.

A. chin

B. collar

C. sleeves

D. vest

Question 151: You look really tired. You could_____a week's holiday, I think.

A. do with B. make for C. pass for D. make with

Question 152: The local press has been pouring _____ on the mayor for dissolving the council.

A. scorn B. blame C. disapproval D. hatred

Question 153: Quite soon, the world is going to _____ energy resources.

A. get into B. run out of
C. keep up with D. come up against

Question 154: I know you are upset about breaking up with Tom, but there are plenty more _____.

A. horses in the stable B. cows in the shed
C. tigers in the jungle D. fish in the sea

Question 155: It's no good pretending; you've got to _____ reality.

A. get down to B. bargain for
C. come up against D. face up to

Question 156: It was so foggy that the driver couldn't _____ the traffic signs.

A. break out B. keep out C. make out D. take out

Question 157: I'll have to go to the funeral of Ms. Jane, a _____ of mine.

A. heart to heart. B. body and soul
C. flesh and blood D. skin and bones

Question 158: I'm sorry you've decided not to go with us on the river trip, but _____ you change your mind, there will still be enough room on the boat for you.

A. in the event that B. nevertheless
C. Even though D. provided that

Question 159: There were so many members of the political party who had gone against the leader that he resigned.

A. apposed B. insisted C. invited D. opposed

Question 160: Although Mike graduated with a good degree, he joined the _____ of the unemployed.

- A. ranks B. queues C. lines D. orders

Question 161: The food was so delicious that I had a second _____.

- A. plate B. serving C. helping D. time

Question 162: David was narrowly defeated and **blew** his own chance of becoming a champion.

- A. missed B. lost C. flew D. run

Question 163: His success lay in his natural ability, not in his determination to _____ personal goals.

- A. follow B. pursue C. seek D. do

Question 164: My father is getting old and forgetful. _____, he is experienced and helpful.

- A. Be that as it may B. Regardless
C. Lest D. Consequently

Question 165: I'm not going to go ice skating! I'd only fall over and _____ a fool of myself.

- A. create B. show C. do D. make

Question 166: Silence _____ the theatre as the audience awaited the opening curtain with expectation and excitement.

- A. fell in with B. came between
C. hungover D. dropped out of

Question 167: When the kids asked him about his girlfriend, he'd go as red as a _____.

- A. tomato B. chili C. strawberry D.
beetroot

Question 168: As orders are becoming more and more, we've been **ruled off our feet** all week.

- A. very angry B. very busy C. very worried D. very
happy

Question 169: The minister came under fire for his rash decision to close the factory.

A. was dismissed

B. was acclaimed

C. was criticized

D. was penalized

Question 170: 'What I've got to say to you now is strictly _____ the record and most certainly not for publication,' said the government official to the reporter.

A. in

B. on

C. off

D. out

Question 171: I can't give you the answer on the _____; I'll have to think about it for a few days.

A. place

B. minute

C. scene

D. spot

Question 172: I find myself _____ a loss to understand Harold's behavior.

A. at

B. in

C. out

D. for

Question 173: Someone is going to have to take responsibility for this disaster. Who is going to _____?

A. foot the bill

B. carry the can

C. hatch the chicken

D. catch the worms

Question 174: When the police arrived the thieves _____ to flight leaving all the stolen things behind.

A. brought

B. took

C. made

D. did

Question 175: My friend is good at mimicking people. He _____ a great impression of Charlie Chaplin.

A. made

B. did

C. took

D. gave

Question 176: You can ask Martin anything about history. He actually has quite a good _____ for facts.

A. head

B. ability

C. knowledge

D. understanding

Question 177: It was such a sad film that we all were reduced _____ tears at the end.

A. with

B. onto

C. to

D. into

Question 178: The baby can't even sit up yet, _____ stand and walk!

A. but for B. let alone C. all but D. rather than

Question 179: Unfortunately, the injury may keep him out of football_____. He may never play again.

A. for good B. now and then
C. once in a while D. every so often

Question 180: I used to_____reading comics, but now I've grown out of it.

A. take a fancy to B. keep an eye on
C. get a kick out of D. kick up a fuss about

Question 181: Little Deon: "This herb smells horrible, mommy!"

Mommy: "_____, it will do you a power of good."

A. Come what may B. By the by
C. What is more D. Be that as it may

Question 182: You should take out insurance_____your house from any possible damage. Earthquakes sometimes occur here.

A. on B. in C. for D. at

Question 183: The children were full of beans today, looking forward to their field trip.

A. eating a lot B. hyperactive
C. melancholy D. lively and in high spirits

Question 184: Sometimes in a bad situation, there may still be some good things. Try not to "throw out the_____with the bathwater".

A. fish B. duck C. baby D. child

Question 185: There are so many_____names now that it is impossible to remember them all.

A. brand B. model C. trademark D. logo

Question 186: The government has launched a new road safety campaign in an_____to reduce the number of road accidents.

A. attempt B. effort C. try D. allowance

Question 187: How many people do you know who are _____ medication to prevent anxiety or depression?

- A. in B. on C. at D. off

Question 188: My cousin was nervous about being interviewed on television, but he _____ to the occasion wonderfully.

- A. raised B. rose C. fell D. faced

Question 189: Wendy is on the _____ of a dilemma: she just wonders whether to go for a picnic with her friends or to stay at home with her family.

- A. horns B. corns C. torns D. forns

Question 190: His girlfriend's behavior at the party was _____, which made everyone there shocked.

- A. out of practice B. out of line C. out of the habit D. out of sight

Question 191: At every faculty meeting, Ms. Volatie always manages to put her foot in her mouth.

- A. move rapidly B. trip over her big feet
C. fall asleep D. say the wrong thing

Question 192: Thanks to her regular workouts and sensible diet she certainly strikes me as in the pink.

- A. in absolute health B. in good health
C. in clear health D. in extreme health

Question 193: If you are at a loose end this weekend, I will show you around the city.

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

Question 194: "She is an excellent actress!" "You _____ again!"

- A. can say that B. may say it C. say it D. say that

Question 195: "Do you know who else is going to be running for governor?" " _____ that Mr. Jones is planning to."

- A. Word is it B. Word has it

C. Word has

D. The words are

Question 196: That the genetic differences make one race superior to another is nothing but a tall story.

A. cynical

B. unbelievable

C. untrue

D. exaggeration

Question 197: You should accept the Nokia mobile phone as a 16-birthday present from your parents delightedly. Don't _____.

A. look gift horse in the mouth

B. buy it through the nose

C. pull my leg

D. take it for granted

Question 198: He built up a successful business but it was all done _____ of his health.

A. at the price

B. by the expense

C. at all cost

D. at the expense

Question 199: Are you certain that you are cut out for that kind of job?

A. are determined to take

B. don't want to take

C. are offered

D. have the necessary skills for

Question 200: I'd love to come, but I am snowed _____ at the moment.

A. under

B. out

C. at

D. about

Question 201: I am gripped with a fever whenever a new year is coming.

A. I feel disappointed

B. I am excited

C. I get upset

D. I have got a temperature

Question 202: Failing to submit the proposal on time was _____ for Tom.

A. a real kick in the pants

B. an open and shut case

C. a shot in the dark

D. a nail in the coffin

Question 203: They always kept on good _____ with their next-door neighbors for the children's sake.

A. relations

B. terms

C. will

D.

relationship

Question 204: By happenstance, the number of people at the first New York show equaled the entire car population of the United States at that time.

A. by chance

B. by mistake

C. by accident

D. all are correct

Question 205: If you are tired of books on happiness, you may prefer books which give step-by-step instructions on how to redecorate or enlarge a house.

A. little by little

B. gradually

C. slower and slower

D. both A and B are correct

Question 206: Like everyone else, Sue has her _____ of course but on the whole, she's quite satisfied with life.

A. ups and downs

B. ins and outs

C. safe and sound

D. odds and ends

Question 207: Make sure you _____ your assignment before you go to bed.

A. have

B. do

C. take

D. make

Question 208: Mr. Peter is the big _____ in the company as he has just been promoted to the position of Managing Director.

A. bread

B. meat

C. cheese

D. apple

Question 209: Of course an encyclopedia is not a book you read _____.

A. from the start to the stop

B. from cover to cover

C. from the top to the end

D. from page by page

Question 210: At times, I look at him and wonder what is going on in his mind.

A. sometimes

B. always

C. hardly

D. never

Question 211: The weather is going to change soon; I feel it in my _____.

A. body

B. legs

C. skin

D. bones

Question 212: She was _____ disappointed when she learned that she was turned down for the post.

A. gravely

B. bitterly

C. highly

D. fully

Question 213: She nearly lost her own life _____ attempting to save he child from drowning.

A. at

B. with

C. in

D. for

Question 214: Applications should be submitted at least eight weeks in advance of the session in which the student wishes to enroll.

Question 224: Many a _____ it difficult to avoid the interference of mass media in their life.

A. pop star find

B. pop star finds

C. pop stars find

D. pop stars finds

Question 225: All candidates will be treated equally, _____ of their age or background.

A. irrelevant

B. Discounting

C. notwithstanding

D. irrespective

Question 226: He tried to limit himself to _____ 10 cigarettes a day.

A. be smoking

B. have smoked

C. smoke

D. smoking

Question 227: You should study hard to _____ your classmates.

A. catch sight of

B. feel like

C. get in touch with

D. keep pace with

Question 228: The medical community continues to _____ progress in the fight against cancer.

A. speed

B. make

C. do

D. take

Question 229: Linda: "Thomas thinks he knows everything about dinosaurs."

Jill: " _____ "

A. He's such a know-all.

B. He knew a lot about dinosaurs.

C. He knows enough.

D. Everything he knows is all about dinosaurs.

Question 230: The new office block _____ well with its surroundings.

A. blends in

B. stands out

C. shapes up

D. sets off

Question 231: After a great deal of questioning, he decided to come clean and tell the truth.

A. admit

B. confess

C. agree

D. deny

Question 232: No matter how much pressure you put on Simon, he won't budge a(n) _____.

A. inch B. mile C. foot D. metre

Question 233: We couldn't stay long, so we only wished Mark many happy _____ of his birthday and hurried to the airport.

A. days B. moments C. returns D. regards

Question 234: Her family has gone to Edinburgh to pay their last _____ to uncle Bob, who died last week.

A. sympathy B. love C. respects D. honors

Question 235: I can accept criticism in general, but Martin _____ it too far, so I had no other option but to show my disapproval.

A. pushed B. carried C. made D. put

Question 236: Jeans like this may have been fashionable in the 60's, but now they are _____ the times.

A. out of B. under C. over D. behind

Question 237: I take my hat off to all those people who worked hard to get the contract.

A. encourage B. congratulate
C. respect D. welcome

Question 238: I was glad when he said that his car was _____.

A. for my use B. at my disposal
C. for me use D. at my use

Question 239: _____ the exception _____ the little baby, everybody in my family has to jog every morning.

A. With/to B. With/of C. In/of D. By/of

Question 240: He always takes full _____ of the mistake by these competitors.

A. benefit B. advantage C. profit D. advice

Question 241: On hearing the news she fainted and it was half an hour before she _____ again.

A. came up B. came round
C. came over D. came forward

Question 242: I called Jenna yesterday with a view _____ her about the project.

A. of asking B. to asking C. in asking D. for asking

Question 243: I received housing benefit when I was unemployed.

A. out of work B. out of fashion
C. out of order D. out of practice

Question 244: Don't worry about trying to catch the last train home, as we can _____ you up for the night.

A. take B. keep C. put D. set

Question 245: Without written evidence, we don't have a _____ on.

A. leg to stand B. foot to stand
C. leg to lean D. foot to lean

Question 246: _____, the people who come to this club are in their twenties and thirties.

A. By and large B. Altogether
C. To a degree D. Virtually

Question 247: Nga is very modest, always _____ her success.

A. keeping down B. turning around
C. playing down D. pushing back

Question 248: He didn't bat an eye when he realized he failed the exam again.

A. didn't want to see B. didn't show surprise
C. wasn't happy D. didn't care

Question 249: I try to be friendly but it is hard to _____ some of my colleagues.

A. get on with B. watch out for
C. come up with D. stand in for

Question 250: I was in two _____ about taking the flat because it is very good but the rent was rather high.

A. heads B. minds C. hands D. ways

Question 251: The home team _____ the challengers by 68 points to 47.

A. saw off B. waged of C. set off D. kept up

Question 252: Sure, she's only six, but she's old enough to know better than _____ off without us.

- A. run B. to run C. running D. ran

Question 253: Our project was successful _____ its practicality.

- A. in terms of B. with a view to
C. regardless D. on behalf of

Question 254: "Don't look so worried! You should take the leader's comment with _____."

- A. a teaspoon of salt B. a cup of salt
C. a dose of salt D. a pinch of salt

Question 255: Peter was ejected after committing five personal _____ in water sport game yesterday.

- A. mistakes B. faults C. fouls D. errors

Question 256: Toxic chemicals in the air and land have driven many species to the _____ of extinction.

- A. tip B. edge C. verge D. border

Question 257: We went away on holiday last week, but it rained day in day out.

- A. every single day B. every other day
C. every second day D. every two days

Question 258: Dr. Evans has _____ a valuable contribution to the development of the school.

- A. done B. created C. caused D. made

Question 259: Just keep _____ on the baby while I cook the supper, will you?

- A. a look B. a glance C. an eye D. a care

Question 260: Remember to appreciate what your friends do for you. You shouldn't take them _____.

- A. as a rule B. as usual C. out of habit D. for granted

Question 261: The players' protests _____ no difference to the referee's decision at all

A. did B. made C. caused D. created

Question 262: Unfortunately, the company closed down because it couldn't keep_____with rapidly changing technology

A. speed B. time C. fast D. pace

Question 263: What the politician was saying fell on_____ears last night.

A. dead B. deaf C. dumb D. mute

Question 264: "What's the matter? You don't look very well." - "I feel a little_____

A.out of the blue B. out of order
C. under the weather D. under the impression

Question 265: It is a really difficult matter to decide how to solve now. I will need time to_____on it.

A. sleep B. feed C. eat D. sweep

Question 266: He drives me to the edge because he never stops talking.

A. steers me B. irritates me
C. moves me D. frightens me

Question 267: Don't forget_____goodbye to the interviewer before leaving the office.

A. saying B. telling C. to tell D. to say

Question 268: They talked for three days before finally_____a decision.

A. doing B. arriving C. making D.
coming

Question 269: My mother doesn't _____ eye to eye with my father sometimes.

A. see B. glance C. look D. agree

Question 270: For a short while, I managed to catch_____of President Trump entering the White House.

A. vision B. notice C. view D. sight

Question 271:I feel terrible, I didn't sleep_____last night.

A. a jot B. a wink C. an inch D. an eye

Question 272: I'm going to make all efforts to win a gold medal in_____for your help and concern.

A. return B. mind C. allowances D.
memory

Question 273: The manager charged her _____ irresponsibility and dishonesty.

A. for B. on C. about D. with

Question 274: _____ stay the night if it's too difficult to get home.

A. By all means B. In all C. At all costs D. On the whole

Question 275: To get the best _____ on a new car, you need to know what a car is really worth.

A. amount B. number C. deal D. figure

Question 276: He talks about football for hours _____ end.

A. at B. with C. on D. off

Question 277: Would you mind _____ me a favor and posting this letter for me?

A. making B. doing C. getting D. giving

Question 278: When you use the Internet, you have so much information at your _____.

A. fingers B. hands C, fingertips D. thumbs

Question 279: The new cowboy film **catches the fancy of** the children.

A. satisfies B. attracts C. amuses D.
surprises

Question 280: _____ of computers, it is difficult to imagine how tedious the work of accountants and clerks must have been in the past.

A. At the age B. On the age
C. In the age D. By the age

Question 281: I find it difficult to make _____ as prices keep _____.

A. end meet-rising B. ends meet-raising
C. end meet-raising D. ends meet-rising

Question 282: Man: "I heard you have a part in the school play tonight."

Woman: "Yes, and I'm **on pins and needles.**"

A. happy B. angry C. nervous D.
confused

Question 283: There's a lot more to Willie than one would think: still waters run_____.

A. deep B. deeply C. deepness D. depth

Question 284: The ideas _____to nothing because I couldn't afford to do it.

A. went B. came C. turned D.
changed

Question 285: We've lost everything. Still, there's no point in complaining. We'll just have to try and make_____

A. no bones about it B. a splash
C. the best of a bad job D. a clean sweep

Question 286: Donald Trump has suggested he could grant legal status to millions of undocumented immigrants who have not _____serious crimes in what could be a major policy shift.

A. committed B. took C. served D. done

Question 287: I think we can safely say now that we have got our money back, we have been home and dry.

A. have not got wet B. have been successful
C. have got home dry D. have got to water

Question 288: He decided to make a claim _____damages to his car.

A. for B. in C. about D. on

Question 289: The opposition will be elected into government at the next election, without a _____of a doubt.

A. shade B. shadow C. benefit D. profit

Question 290: I just couldn't remember her name even though it was on the _____of my tongue

A. edge B. top C. tip D. front

Question 291: "I'm going for an interview for a job this afternoon." "Good luck! I'll keep my _____crossed for you."

A. legs B. fingers C. arms D. hands

Question 292: Father has lost his job, so we'll have to _____ our belt to avoid getting into debt.

A. tighten B. shorten C. lengthen D. widen

Question 293: Susan lost her _____ when she suddenly woke up and saw the house on fire.

A. eyes B. head C. mind D. brain

Question 294: Vietnam's Got Talent is the gameshow that has taken audiences _____

A. by storm B. by wind C. by night D. by heart

Question 295: Nadine "I've been offered \$550 for my stereo. Should I take it or wait a better one?"

Kitty: "Take the \$550 _____".

- A. Actions speak louder than words
- B. Kill two birds with one stone
- C. The early bird catches the worm
- D. bird in the hand is worth two in the bush

Question 296: My father is in _____ of 30 engineers and 80 workers.

A. pressure B. leadership C. impression D. charge

Question 297: We should make full use _____ the Internet as it is an endless source of information.

A. of B. in C. with D. from

Question 298: When finding a new house, parents should _____ all the conditions for their children's education and entertainment.

- A. take into account B. make all the conditions
- C. get a measure of D. put into effect

Question 299: This is new washing machine is not a patch _____ our old one. These clothes are still dirty.

A. on B. in C. at D. off

Question 300: Poor management brought the company to _____ of collapse.

- A. the edge B. the foot C. the ring D. the
brink

Question 301: The twins look so much alike that no one can tell them apart.

- A. distinguish between them B. point out with them
C. spoil them D. pick them out

Question 302: With respect to maneuverability, few birds can equal the capabilities of the hummingbird, which hovers for long periods and even flies backward.

- A. With regard to B. With fondness to
C. In appreciation of D. In favor of

Question 303: The exercise was a piece of cake; I can do it with my eyes closed.

- A. challenging B. very easy C. boring D.
understandable

Question 304: Nobody owned up to breaking the window.

- A. objected to B. decided on
C. confessed to D. allowed for

Question 305: I don't really go in for winter sports very much.

- A. am not good at B. do not hate
C. do not practice D. am not keen on

Question 306: Most of the _____ in this workshop do not work very seriously or productively.

- A. rank and file B. tooth and nail
C. eager beavers D. old hand

Question 307: He may be shy now, but he'll soon come out of his shell when he meets the right girl.

- A. hole B. become confident
C. shed D. become shy

Question 308: I won't buy that car because it has too much _____ on it.

- A. ups and downs B. odds and ends C. wear and tear D. white
lie

Question 319: "Is there anything interesting_____the paper today?" - "Well, there's an unusual picture_____the back page."

- A. in/on B. on/in C. in/in D. on/on

Question 320: The room needs decorating for the_____and see party.

- A. ship B. sheep C. sip D. tip

Question 321: The referee_____the football game to a halt by blowing his whistle.

- A. brought B. took C. carried D. made

Question 322: On the flip side, the world wide adoption of a couple of languages that have a large number of speakers has led to the death of several less popular languages.

- A. In other word B. On the other hand
C. On the whole D. In general

Question 323: Drinking too much alcohol is said to_____harm to our health.

- A. make B. do C. lead D. take

Question 324: At the end of the training course, each participant was presented with a_____of completion.

- A. degree B. certificate C. diploma D.
qualification

Question 325: These days, many people only read printed newspapers once in a while as they tend to access information online.

- A. regularly B. attentively
C. occasionally D. selectively

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C. shed D. become shy

Question 328: For a public campaign to succeed, it is important to make _____ of existing social organizations as well as other relations.

- A. fun B. advantage C. benefit D. use

Question 329: Although the conditions weren't ideal for a walk, we decided to _____ a go of it.

- A. make B. do C. run D. carry

Question 330: They always kept on good _____ with their next-door neighbors for the children's sake.

- A. will B. friendship C. terms D. relations

Question 331: In my company, the director deputy usually _____ the responsibility for organizing meetings and conferences.

- A. makes B. gets C. becomes D. takes

Question 332: Mr. Gerstein was particularly taken aback to hear that sleeping problems are often linked to physical problems.

- A. surprised B. intended C. determined D. relieved

Question 333: I shouldn't go outside without a raincoat because it's raining cats and dogs.

- A. it's just started to rain B. it's raining very heavily
C. it's going to rain D. it's drizzling

Question 334: It seems that the world record for this event is almost impossible to .

- A. get B. beat C. take D. achieve

Question 335: For lunch, I always have something quick and easy: a sandwich, a salad, toast and the .

- A. same B. similar C. like D. rest

Question 336: I don't think anyone understood what I was saying at the meeting, did they? I totally failed to get my point_____.

- A. around B. along C. across D. about

Question 337: We don't seem to have any more of that book, Sir. It is out of _____ but we are getting a new delivery next Thursday if you would like to pop back then.

- A. stock B. order C. print D. shop

Question 338: I'm _____ my brother is.

- A. nowhere near as ambitious as B. nothing near as ambitious as
C. nowhere like so ambitious as D. nothing as ambitious as

Question 339: No matter how angry he was, he would never _____ to violence.

- A. exert B. resolve C. resort D.
recourse

Question 340: It never _____ my head that such a terrible thing would happen.

- A. struck B. dawned C. occurred D. entered

Question 341: Despite all the evidence, he wouldn't admit that he was in the _____

- A. fault B. error C. wrong D. slip

Question 342: He would win the race if he _____ his brother's example and trained harder.

- A. repeated B. set C. answered D.
followed

Question 343: I can't possibly lend you any more money, it is quite out of the _____

- A. order B. practice C. place D.
question

Question 344: She had to hand in her notice _____ advance when she decided to leave the job

- A. with B. from C. in D. to

Question 345: You've got to be _____ certain before you decide.

- A. deadly B. deathly C. dead D. dearly

Question 346: I went to a restaurant last night. I was the ten thousandth customer, so my dinner was on the _____.

A. holiday B. house C. free D.
decrease

Question 347: I can't stand the car _____. Therefore, I hate traveling by car.

A. illness B. sickness C. ailment D. disease

Question 348: Why don't you make it bigger and more careful to _____ people's attention?

A. raise B. attract C. make D. keep

Question 349: My Dad is always willing to give a hand _____ cleaning the house.

A. in B. with C. of D. about

Question 350: At the end of the film, the young prince _____ in love with a reporter.

A. felt B. made C. fell D. got

Question 351: You will be home and _____ in the interview if you have good qualifications and wide experience.

A. high B. dry C. house D. way

Question 352: Most young people nowadays believe in _____ marriage - first come love, then comes marriage.

A. romantic B. arranged C. unique D.
contractual

Question 353: - How much is this car? - 15,000 dollars. My uncle paid for it by _____

A. installments B. credit C. hire purchase D. cash

Question 354: She went to college to study history, but changed _____ and is now a doctor.

A. horses in midstream B. for a better

C. her tune D. hands

Question 355: I strongly recommend that you should take out an insurance policy in the house for your own peace of mind.

A. to stop your sleeping B. to stop your worrying

C. to stop your thinking D. to stop your believing

Question 356: Face-to-face socializing is not as preferred as virtual socializing among the youth.

- A. instant B. available C. direct D. facial

Question 357: With so many daily design resources, how do you stay-up-date with technology without spending too much time on it?

- A. connect to the Internet all day B. update new status
C. use social network daily D. get latest information

Question 358: The computer has had an enormous _____ on the way we work and enjoy life.

- A. impression B. influence C. change D.
alternation

Question 359: We have been working hard. Let's _____ a break.

- A. make B. find C. do D. take

Question 360: Peter makes a good _____ from his freelance work.

- A. profession B. job C. living D.
earnings

Question 361: Marrying into such a rich family had always been _____ his wildest dreams.

- A. under B. above C. over D. beyond

Question 362: Many is always making a mountain out of the molehill.

- A. exaggerating B. extravagant
C. squandering D. overextending

Question 363: _____ wait for no man.

- A. Tide and fire B. Time and tide
C. Time and fire D. Tide and time

Question 364: I usually buy my clothes _____. It's cheaper than going to the dress maker.

- A. on the house B. off the peg
C. in public D. on the shelf

Question 365: My cousin tends to look on the bright side in any circumstance.

A. be confident

B. be optimistic

C. be pessimistic

D. be smart

Question 366: The child has no problem reciting the poem; he has _____ it to memory.

A. devoted

B. added

C. committed

admitted

D.

Question 367: After their long-standing conflict had been resolved, the two families decided to bury the hatchet.

A. become enemies

B. become friends

C. give up weapons

D. reach an agreement

Question 368: The nominating committee always meet behind closed doors, lest its deliberations become known prematurely.

A. privately

B. safely

C. publicly

dangerously

D.

Question 369: In a modern family, the husband is expected to join hands with his wife to _____ the household chores.

A. do

B. run

C. take

D. make

Question 370: The table in the living room should be moved to _____ the new TV set.

A. get rid of

B. pave the way for

C. make room for

D. take hold of

Question 371: The US president Barack Obama _____ an official visit to Vietnam in May 2016, which is of great significance to the comprehensive bilateral partnership.

A. delivered

B. paid

C. offered

D. gave

Question 372: Two close friends Tom and Kyle are talking about Kyle's upcoming birthday. Select the most suitable response to complete the exchange.

- Tom: "Can I bring a friend to your birthday party?"

- Kyle: " _____ "

A. It's my honour

B. Let's do it then

C. The more the merrier

D. That's right

Question 373: As children, we were very poor. When my father finally became rich, he told us that he wanted to _____ all the hardship we had suffered

A. make out with

B. make up for

C. make off with

D. make over to

Question 374: It's not a pleasant feeling to discover you've been taken for a ride by a close friend.

A. driven away

B. deceived deliberately

C. given a lift

D. treated with sincerity

Question 375: Thanks to her father's encouragement, she has made great _____ in her study.

A. standard

B. development

C. contribution

D. progress

Question 376: Jim didn't break the vase on _____, but he was still punished for his carelessness.

A. occasion

B. chance

C. intention

D.

purpose

Question 377: "How was your exam?" "A couple of questions were tricky, but on the _____ it was pretty easy."

A. spot

B. general

C. hand

D. whole

Question 378: If you practice regularly, you can learn this language skill in short _____ of a time.

A. period

B. aspect

C. arrangement

D.

activity

Question 379: The shop assistant is ready to _____ me a helping hand. She is very nice.

A. take

B. lend

C. offer

D. get

Question 380: The manager _____ his temper with the employees and shouted at them.

A. had

B. lost

C. took

D. kept

Question 381: All nations should _____ hands to work out a plan to solve the problem of global warming.

- A. join B. hold C. shake D. lend

Question 382: When he started that company, he really went _____. It might have been a disaster.

- A. out on the limb B. on and off
C. over the odds D. once too often

Question 383: We regret to tell you that the materials you ordered are _____.

- A. out of stock B. out of practice
C. out of reach D. out of work

Question 384: She _____ her success to hard work.

- A. described B. devoted C. blamed D. ascribed

Question 385: I refuse to believe a word of it; it's a cock-and-_____ story.

- A. hen B. goose C. bull D. duck

Question 386: The search for a new vaccine took priority _____ all other medical research.

- A. above B. over C. to D. on

Question 387: He mentioned _____ particular electronics, his major at university.

- A. in B. on C. up D. off

Question 388: One study by the Pew Internet and American Life Project (2009) found that people are not _____ offline friends with online companions but are using them to support their offline relationships.

- A. making B. providing C. combining D. substituting

Question 389: The study also found that social networks allow us to have discussions with a much more diverse set of people than in the real world, so we share knowledge with people from a wide _____ of backgrounds.

- A. ranges B. amount C. number D. variety

Question 390: _____ they've already made their decision, there's nothing much we can do.

A. Seeing that

B. On grounds that

C. Assuming that

D. For reason that

Question 391: I'm going on business for a week, so I'll be leaving everything

A. on your guards

B. up to your eyes

C. in your capable hands

D. under the care of you

Question 392: When asked about their preference for movies, many young people say that they are in favour _____ science fiction.

A. with

B. of

C. in

D. for

Question 393: Students are _____ less pressure as a result of changes in testing procedures.

A. under

B. above

C. upon

D. out of

Question 394: In many big cities, people have to put up with noise, overcrowding and bad air.

A. make up for

B. take part in

C. tolerate

D. generate

Question 395: Population explosion seems to surpass the ability of the earth to _____ the demand for food.

A. make

B. need

C. have

D. meet

Question 396: Shake a leg or you will miss the train.

A. Hurry up

B. Slow down

C. Watch out

down

D. Put

Question 397: You should pat yourself on the back for having achieved such a high score in the graduation exam.

A. praise yourself

B. criticize yourself

C. check up your back

D. wear a backpack

Question 398: Despite the traffic hold-ups, we were able to arrive at the airport in the _____ of time just before the check-in counter closed.

A. line

B. chick

C. second

D. nick

Question 399: Many people head for the countryside where the flat _____ of fields helps them escape from the hectic city life.

- A. extension B. expansion C. extent D. expanse

Question 400: We know that we are at fault for our third consecutive defeat, so there is no need to _____ salt into the wound.

- A. spread B. rub C. apply D. put

Question 401: Parents often advise their children to study hard in the hope that they will _____ success in the future.

- A. gather B. collect C. master D. achieve

Question 402: Voluntary work helps foster independence and imparts the ability to deal with different situations, often simultaneously, thus teaching people how to _____ their way through different systems.

- A. take B. work C. put D. give

Question 403: A week on vacation with my relatives is enough to drive me up the _____.

- A. ceiling B. road C. mad D. wall

Question 404: He was trying to sell me a new laptop which I suspect fell off the back of a _____.

- A. lorry B. truck C. train D. rail

Question 405: I felt like a _____ wheel when they started looking at each other affectionately.

- A. fourth B. fifth C. sixth D. third

Question 406: They spent their holiday exploring the highways and _____ of the country.

- A. railway B. doorway C. byways D. mainway

Question 407: When I was trying to become a screenwriter, I hitched my _____ to a star by befriending some popular actresses.

- A. wagon B. journey C. voyage D. cruise

Question 408: It's dangerous to _____ the lights. You may have a terrible accident.

- A. pass B. cross C. fly D. jump

Question 409: He's been left to paddle his own _____ when he started his business.

- A. canoe B. boat C. sail D. ship

Question 410: Aren't you putting the _____ before the horse by deciding what to wear for the wedding before you've even been invited to it?

- A. chart B. cart C. dart D. hart

Question 411: You have to put the pedal to the _____ if you want to get there on time.

- A. metal B. mental C. fatal D. canal

Question 412: It was only when he discovered that his wallet was gone that he realized they had _____ him for a ride.

- A. made B. taken C. given D. had

Question 413: Our team was doing well for a while, but they got tired and then the _____ fell off.

- A. spirits B. moods C. attitudes D. wheels

Question 414: Beyond any _____, W. Shakespeare was the greatest writer of the sixteenth century.

- A. understanding B. suspicion C. disbelief D. doubt

Question 415: He was amazed to see that the town center had changed beyond _____.

- A. recognition B. realization
C. admission D. acknowledge

Question 416: Whether you had insurance is _____ the point, the accident is still your fault.

- A. besides B. beside C. next to D. over

Question 417: When his company sent him to the United States, they left his family in the _____ as to whether it would be temporarily.

- A. dark B. secret C. space D. light

Question 418: I don't need to know the content of your speech in detail, just put the main message _____ a nutshell for me, please!

A. on B. in C. out D. off

Question 419: When I was a child, my mother used to teach me table manners.

A. etiquette B. rule C. problem D. norm

Question 420: My son got a job working directly under a prominent businessman. It's a very _____ start to his career.

A. complimentary B. excellent C. promising D. encouraged

Question 421: Our kids are sad that their summer vacation is _____ to an end.

A. being B. coming C. running D. drawing

Question 422: The artist put the _____ touches on her painting.

A. completing B. finishing C. finalizing D. ending

Question 423: The back injury put an abrupt end to his tennis career.

A. a direct B. a rushed C. a sudden D. a fast

Question 424: I'm going to walk down to the bookstore to _____ time before my flight.

A. kill B. spend C. waste D. miss

Question 425: Although she had been told quite sternly to _____ herself together, she simply couldn't stop the tears from flowing.

A. bring B. pull C. force D. push

Question 426: _____ to fame at an early age may have a negative influence on children's psychological development.

A. Approaching B. Reaching C. Going D. Rising

Question 427: Despite careful preparation, the candidate got cold feet when asked a challenging question and gave an unsatisfactory answer.

A. had a fever B. stayed confident
C. lacked confidence D. became aggressive

Question 428: So, tell me about your new job. I'm all _____.

A. ears B. eyes C. hands D. lips

Question 429: Don't tell my little brother about my sister's surprise birthday party yet. He's got a big_____.

- A. mouth B. eye C. cheek D. ear

Question 430: Will you keep your eye_____my suitcase while I go to get the tickets.

- A. in B. on C. at D. of

Question 431: This calculus homework is a real pain in the_____. It's not that I don't understand it, it's just so tedious!

- A. heart B. head C. neck D. leg

Question 432: I'm sure he will be home and dry in the interview because he has good qualifications and wide experience.

- A. successful B. satisfied
C. unsuccessful D. unsatisfied

Question 433: After a momentary_____of concentration, Simon managed to regain his focus and completed the test.

- A. failure B. fault C. error D. lapse

Question 434: I felt a_____pain and looked down to see blood pouring from my leg.

- A. strong B. violent C. clear D. sharp

Question 435: I always cast a glance at my desk to make sure I have everything before I leave the office at night.

- A. make B. take C. hold D. give

Question 436: Fame is a privilege that gives people in the_____eye lots of opportunities others can only dream of.

- A. public B. common C. naked D. envy

Question 437: It is very easy to find_____with the work of others.

- A. error B. fault C. mistake D. envy

Question 438: Ranieri returned, saw the mess, and hit the roof.

- A. became extremely annoyed B. became extremely surprised
C. became extremely angry D. became extremely happy

Question 439: I know it isn't easy facing off against the low lives of this town, but you're on the police force and you have to _____ your duty.

- A. do B. make C. carry D. take

Question 440: When I was at school, I had a _____ on a film star.

- A. love B. crush C. passion D. keen

Question 441: She has a soft _____ for Richard - he can do anything.

- A. knot B. course C. spot D. sport

Question 442: I've had the _____ for him ever since he came to college.

- A. hots B. hot C. heat D. heating

Question 443: Roger fell head over _____ in love with Maggie, and they were married within the month.

- A. reels B. neels C. kneels D. heels

Question 444: After having a blazing _____ with his wife, he stormed out of the room and banged the door behind him.

- A. row B. quarrel C. argument D. debate

Question 445: On February 12th he put up _____ sale a second tranche of 32 state-owned companies.

- A. on B. for C. out D. at

Question 446: We will have to _____ war on the rebels if they advance over our border.

- A. announce B. tell C. declare D. wages

Question 447: Most of London's gates had been demolished by the end of the eighteenth century. However, by a _____ of luck, the last of them was preserved.

- A. flash B. flock C. bust D. stroke

Question 448: I blushed with _____ when the teacher caught me not paying attention in class and yelled at me.

- A. embarrassment B. shame C. shyness D. anger

Question 449: Their baby bears a resemblance to its grandfather.

- A. takes up B. takes after C. takes on D. takes off

Question 460: You _____ me by surprise when you showed up at my office with flowers this afternoon!

- A. took B. made C. caused D. did

Question 461: I have a sweet _____ - I can't say no to cookies.

- A. mouth B. tongue C. tooth D. taste

Question 462: He plays the part of a tough cop on TV who really has a heart of gold.

- A. drops a hint B. does him good
C. raises his voice D. has kind and generous character

Question 463: When you choose to gamble, you do so at your own _____.

- A. expense B. risk C. stake D. danger

Question 464: Mary was lost for words when she was awarded the prize.

- A. surprised B. annoyed C. happy D. amused

Question 465: If you tell him the truth, you _____ the risk of hurting his feelings.

- A. lead B. take C. run D. drive

Question 466: If you have a _____ conscience, you feel guilty about something because you know it was wrong. If you have a _____ conscience, you do not feel guilty because you know you have done nothing wrong.

- A. criminal/peace B. brutal/green
C. guilty/clear D. crude/clean

Question 467: I wanted to _____ amends for the worry I've caused you.

- A. give B. do C. take D. make

Question 468: She felt a warm _____ of happiness when he embraced her.

- A. heat B. glow C. flame D. fire

Question 469: The only reason why Dave's joke about my love life bothered me so much is because there wasn't a _____ of truth to it.

- A. speck B. grain C. dot D. drop

Question 470: Leaflets giving details are available _____ request.

- A. on B. in C. at D. of

Question 471: The city council is discussing a detailed _____ plan for maintaining clean beaches and parks.

- A. activity B. action C. measure D. approach

Question 472: To _____ green is to practise simple green lifestyles, which helps save the planet for further generation.

- A. go B. act C. make D. get

Question 473: Many companies do not want to spend too much on waste _____ as the cost is really high.

- A. discharge B. release C. rid D. disposal

Question 474: Sometimes people just focus on the _____ benefits without thinking of the environmental risks of certain economic activities.

- A. long-term B. short-lived C. immediate D. potential

Question 475: Soot comes from the _____ combustion of fossil or other fuels.

- A. completion B. complete C. incompleteness D. incomplete

Question 476: Many students opted for English _____ History.

- A. with respect to B. with reference to
C. in preference to D. in view of

Question 477: The students were split into five groups according _____ their abilities.

- A. to B. at C. of D. in

Question 478: Well, apart from his long nose he is rather good-looking, isn't he?

- A. In addition B. Besides C. Aside from D. Moreover

Question 479: All schools had to be closed temporarily on account of heavy snowfall.

A. as a result B. as a result of C. thanks to D. in favor of

Question 480: I am not absolutely sure about when the projects starts, but **to the best of my knowledge** it will be on June 16.

A. according to me B. on my opinion
C. with my pleasure D. as far as I know

Question 481: Unfortunately, some politicians often hit _____ the belt to discredit their opponents.

A. below B. under C. over D. above

Question 482: Max's health has been improving since he came out of hospital, if only **by degrees**.

A. little by little B. gradually
C. step by step D. all are correct

Question 483: Recently, with exports and sales decreasing, their outlook has noticeably changed for the _____.

A. better B. worse C. nicer D. more

Question 484: If you had been working on your project **from** scratch, you would realize how much these results mean to us.

A. for B. in C. at D. with

Question 485: Doctor Murphy is always **on call**, even at night and at the weekend.

A. on duty B. on time C. in time D. at times

Question 486: These days, most young people would like to look for _____ jobs rather than secure ones.

A. long-term B. well-paid
C. fast-growing D. long-lasting

Question 487: More and more people are moving to live in the city in search of better _____ prospects.

A. occupation B. job C. career D. work

Question 488: People migrate to urban areas on a massive _____ for many reasons.

A. scale B. level C. extent D.
number

Question 489: The rural areas are said to suffer from the lack of natural resources as well as _____ weather conditions.

A. rigid B. extreme C. poor D.
worsened

Question 490: The manager threw a party _____ the group of computer experts from the United States.

A. in honour of B. in favour of
C. in welcome of D. in celebration of

Question 491: He doesn't have a lot of time to look for accommodation. He just stays in that rough and _____ flat near his office

A. cough B. rough C. tough D. ready

Question 492: I don't understand what you are saying. What a load of _____.

A. crap B. trap C. tab D. crab

Question 493: We've just met. Don't you think you are _____ the gun to be talking about marriage now?

A. catching B. jumping C. scratching D.
chasing

Question 494: Sara bought in a lot of business last month; she should ask for a pay rise while she's still on a _____.

A. roam B. roll C. rush D. run

Question 495: We run a very tight ship here, and we expect all our employees to be at their desks by eight o'clock and take good care of their own business.

A. have a good voyage B. organize things efficiently
C. run faster than others D. manage a flexible system

Question 496: Many get a financial aid package which may include grants, scholarships and loans because of the fear of having large debts placing considerable pressure on students.

A. putting B. forcing C. emphasizing D. giving

Question 497: It is quite common for students to gather at the canteen and shoot the breeze during the break.

- A. enjoy fresh air
- B. check the homework
- C. gossip about unimportant things
- D. fight with each other

Question 498: We have discussed this problem at some _____, but have not found out the solution.

- A. time
- B. energy
- C. length
- D. distance

Question 499: My friends have just moved to a new flat in the residential area on the _____ of Paris.

- A. side
- B. outskirts
- C. suburbs
- D. outside

Question 500: People should _____ a green lifestyle to help conserve the natural resources.

- A. adapt
- B. adjust
- C. adopt
- D. adjoin

Question 501: My brother is an authority _____ Chinese cuisine.

- A. over
- B. at
- C. in
- D. on

Question 502: The benefits of the Internet of social media are _____.

- A. enormous
- B. huge
- C. large
- D. gigantic

Question 503: After making a _____ of England, the band is coming again.

- A. time
- B. chance
- C. tour
- D. date

Question 504: The interviewees are supposed to give their answers to the job offers _____.

- A. on the spot
- B. all in all
- C. beyond the joke
- D. within reach

Question 505: All staffs are not allowed to use their personal mobile phones during _____ hours.

- A. office
- B. official
- C. officer
- D. officer's

Question 506: I didn't think Larry and Patricia had anything in_____, but they talked all evening.

- A.** in contrast **B.** particular **C.** common **D.** fact

Question 507: I have meetings all day, so please _____ the lead on this project, Joan.

- A. give** **B. do** **C. make** **D. take**

Question 508: The fox tried in vain to reach the grapes.

- A.** was unsuccessful in reaching **B.** was successful in reaching
C. was incapable of reaching **D.** was unable to reach

Question 509: The personnel officer gave him her _____ that she wouldn't tell any one that he had been in the prison.

- A.** word **B.** world **C.** work **D.** worm

Question 510: The story he told us was _____.

- A.** beyond a joke **B.** beyond repair
C. beyond a shadow of a doubt **D.** beyond belief

Question 511: I could not keep in touch with him because I had lost his phone number.

- A. get** **B. have** **C. bring** **D. take**

Question 512: My boss received over ten letters of complaint from the customers this morning and he really **went up the wall**.

- A.** hit the roof **B.** saw red
- C.** hit the ceiling **D.** all are correct

Question 513: Be careful what you say - she's in a _____ mood today.

- A.** blue **B.** green **C.** black **D.** gray

Question 514: He was as sick as a _____ when he realised he had thrown away his lottery ticket.

- A.** carrot **B.** parrot **C.** idiot **D.** rabbit

Question 515: When her son went missing, she was _____ herself with worry.

- A. beside** **B. besides** **C. in** **D. of**

Question 516: She felt a little _____ when she lost her job.

- A.** black **B.** brown **C.** grey **D.** blue

Question 517: When she left him, he was down in the dumps for a couple of weeks.

- A. unhappy B. frustrated C. embarrassed D.
irritated

Question 518: There is a factory near the college where we study and the noise from it gets on our nerves.

- A. surprises us B. annoys us C. cheats us D. amuses
us

Question 519: Things went _____ in the second game when we lost 38-0.

- A. from now then on B. from time to time
C. from bad to worse D. from memory

Question 520: As the manager of a local company, he enjoys being a big _____ in a small pond.

- A. shrimp B. frog C. crab D. fish

Question 521: All the other children in the school had rich, middle-class parents, and she was beginning to feel like a fish out of water.

- A. feel silly B. feel uncomfortable
C. feel ashamed D. feel miserable

Question 522: He seems to be a/an _____ fish but he is really just a normal guy.

- A. ugly B. big C. odd D. old

Question 523: The success of our local theater has put our city on the map

- A. made our city famous B. changed our city
C. put pressure on our city D. turned our city into a palace

Question 524: The company's president went on and on about how they value every customer's individual experience, but we all know he was just putting on an act as a normal part of PR.

- A. tending B. pretending C. intending D.
sending

Question 525: The bank robbers made a getaway in a stolen car.

- A. escaped B. disappeared C. elapsed D.
depleted

Question 526: Everybody took the Mickey out of him because he had his hair cut so short.

- A. complimented B. praised C. laughed at D. criticized

Question 527: The local council has _____ the blame on mass tourism for the cause of environmental problems.

- A. taken B. had C. made D. put

Question 528: Don't _____ to conclusion that learning English is easy.

- A. come B. get C. reach D. go

Question 529: We cannot make any comparison _____ her sacrifice.

- A. at B. with C. to D. for

Question 530: Every nook and cranny of the house was stuffed with souvenirs of their trips abroad.

- A. part B. section C. corner D. angle

Question 531: Do you make lists of pros and cons and carefully consider all the options?

- A. advantages and disadvantages B. success and failure
C. strength and weakness D. agreement and disagreement

Question 532: Do you often _____ your intuition and then _____ a choice based on your feelings?

- A. believe/give B. trust/make C. follow/have D. do/make

Question 533: When I have to make an especially _____ decision, I often ask my mother for _____ advice.

- A. hard/good B. difficult/perfect
C. quick/thorough D. tough/sound

Question 534: When you make a decision very quickly, we call it a snap decision.

- A. an arbitrary decision B. a wise decision
C. a spur-of-the-moment decision D. a tough decision

Question 535: A _____ document shows that the U.S. is planning to build additional military bases in Central America

- A. disclosed B. escaped C. revealed D. leaked

Question 536: A lot of people believe the completely _____ claims they read on the internet, and never actually research the issue.

- A. impossible B. malicious C. unfounded D. uninvolved

Question 537: My cousin wanted to give me a job at his restaurant, but I _____ the offer.

- A. denied B. refused C. repelled D. deleted

Question 538: That university is _____ acknowledged to be the best place in the world to study law.

- A. hugely B. unjustly C. widely D. largely

Question 539: The human resources manager _____ the allegations that the company hired illegal immigrants.

- A. defends B. denies C. denounces D. acclaims

Question 540: My grandfather is a _____ fan of his old college basketball team.

- A. lifelong B. permanent C. forever D. lasting

Question 541: Her parents refused to give their _____ to her marriage to a man from a different culture.

- A. thanksgiving B. blessing C. grace D. honor

Question 542: I _____ support the campaign for humane treatment of farm animals.

- A. animatedly B. forcefully C. enthusiastically D. warmly

Question 543: My son is my parents' only grandchild, so of course they think the _____ of him.

- A. globe B. earth C. world D. space

Question 544: Some men will do anything to _____ the approval of the woman they love.

- A. catch B. stand C. have D. win

Question 545: That course seems excellent - everyone who takes it speaks very_____of it.

- A. deeply** **B. highly** **C. greatly** **D. ill**

Question 546: The article made some_____criticisms of the corruption in the country's political system.

- A.** grudging
violently
- B.** scathing
- C.** burning
- D.**

Question 547: A new TV show has sparked_____by showing the positive side of dropping out of college.

- A.** controversy **B.** argument **C.** contention **D.** debate

Question 548: A_____of disappointment came over me when I heard that the show had been canceled.

- A.** flood **B.** roll **C.** wave **D.** storm

Question 549: The city's efforts to cut down on pollution are finally_____fruit.

- A.** making bearing **B.** producing **C.** growing **D.**

Question 550: My grandmother remembers the _____ days of the civil war.

- A. black** **B. dark** **C. shady** **D. gray**

