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1. **C2 MOCK EXAMINATION - Use of English and Reading Sections**

SECTION 1

Choose the correct alternatives to complete the sentences.

_____, he always has difficulty in making ends meet.
A) How much work he takes on
B) How he takes on a lot of work
C) How much work does he take on
D) However much work he takes on

2. Since the law works so slowly, there is a considerable _____ of cases waiting for trial.
A) remainder **B)** hangover
C) backlog **D)** reserve

3. Hardly _____ under the shower when the phone rang.
A) had he got **B)** he has got
C) he got **D)** he was getting

4. They don't work the same shift any longer, but they still meet _____ in the canteen.
A) in time **B)** at the same time
C) from time to time **D)** on time

5. The more he does for her, _____.
A) she seems dissatisfied
B) the more dissatisfied she seems
C) she's seeming dissatisfied
D) she seems more dissatisfied

6. You had nothing better to do. You _____ a hand with moving the furniture!
A) would have given **B)** had to give
C) should give **D)** might have given

7. By the time she realizes what's going on, the little money they've managed to save over the years _____ on another woman.
A) will have spent **B)** will have been spent
C) is spending **D)** has been spent

8. If his boss _____ him telling a competitor about their new products, he would still have a job.
A) hadn't caught
B) wouldn't have caught
C) didn't catch
D) wouldn't catch

9. _____ my colleagues, I would like to thank you for everything you have done for us.
A) On behalf of **B)** Instead of
C) In spite of **D)** On account of

10. Can you give me a rough _____ of what the job might cost me?
A) calculating **B)** value
C) estimate **D)** esteem

11. He'd hate to work in an office. He'd prefer a job that allowed him to spend most of his time _____.
A) in air **B)** off limits
C) in open **D)** out of doors

12. _____ for her support and help, he would have given up years ago.
A) Unless it was **B)** Had it not been
C) If she hadn't been **D)** If it were

13. Don't you like it? I was _____ you liked Indian food.
A) off the idea
B) thinking
C) in response to
D) under the impression

14. The article you want is _____. It should take about twenty working days to arrive. Shall I order it for you?
A) out of sale **B)** out of stock
C) on order **D)** in stock

15. He is well _____ of the problems involved in setting up a business.
A) acquainted **B)** knowledgeable
C) learned **D)** aware

16. She seems a lively, fun-loving person, but it would be a great mistake to _____ her intelligence.
A) underrate **B)** despise
C) depreciate **D)** devalue

17. Section 3

Choose the correct alternatives to complete the sentences.

Your name _____ up in the course of our conversation.
A) brought **B)** came **C)** got **D)** took

18. Those trainers have _____. Why don't you get a new pair?
A) gone off **B)** expired
C) dropped off **D)** seen better days

19. She wasn't helped. She did it _____.
A) off-hand **B)** with sleight of hand
C) single-handed **D)** with one hand

20. You're living in a world of make-believe! You'll have to _____ up to facts sooner or later.
A) come **B)** bring **C)** look **D)** face

21. They treated you very badly. Aren't you tempted to _____ in some way?
A) win them again **B)** go round the bend
C) get your own back **D)** give them back

22. It's a formal wedding, so my husband and I will have to _____.
A) get dressed
B) dress up
C) wear our birthday suits
D) wear dresses

23. She _____ a rage when she saw the mess they'd made.
A) flew into **B)** went off
C) blew up **D)** came into

24. She never comes here now. We only see her _____.
A) when the cows come home
B) once in a blue moon
C) time and time again
D) once upon a time

25. The news of the robbery soon _____.
A) broke out **B)** came over
C) spread out **D)** got round

26. John's doctor says he is _____ a nervous breakdown.
A) closed to **B)** on edge
C) nearby **D)** on the verge of

27. One little mistake shouldn't _____ again.
A) stop you to try **B)** put you off trying
C) prevent you to try **D)** get you off

28. I thought her behaviour was very out of _____.
A) mind **B)** personality
C) character **D)** role

Section 5

(Please note: The following questions are related to a specific reading passage, which is available solely before the first question. Remember, it may be helpful to refer back to the reading text while answering the questions to ensure accuracy.)

Read the text and choose the most suitable answer to each question.

Outsiders are to be banned from buying houses in some of Britain's most desirable villages in an attempt to reduce the influx of wealthy owners of second homes. The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority claims that the banning of holiday home purchases will mean new properties selling at a discount of thirty per cent.

This radical move, which includes barn conversions, is being watched carefully by national parks across the UK. The aim of the move is to reverse the trend of young people being forced to move out because they cannot afford to live locally. House prices in the national park average £228,000, which is £100,000 more than the average cost of a home elsewhere in the region. Wealthy outsiders, looking for second homes or holiday cottages, are forcing up the price of homes so much that local people cannot buy them. Other national parks, including Exmoor and the Lake District, are facing similar problems.

In the Dales, fifteen per cent of all properties are second homes or holiday cottages and in the most popular villages, the proportion is as high as sixty-five per cent. In Exmoor and the Lake District national parks, the proportion is about twenty per cent.

A mass house-building programme is not feasible in national parks, where large-scale development would destroy the landscape they have been established to protect. The restricted occupancy strategy adopted by the Dales national park will not affect the sale of existing homes. The 10,000 existing historical houses in the Dales will continue to be bought and sold on the open market.

However, in thirty-three villages considered suitable for the building of new homes, developers will be allowed to sell only to people who have lived within the 684 square miles of the national park for at least three years or outsiders who have full-time employment in the area. The restriction will be permanent. Estate agents selling new homes or barn conversions will, in future, be obliged to advertise the fact that they can be purchased only by those who meet 'local needs' criteria.

The chairman of the Dales authority said that some of their villages were dying because local services such as buses, the post office, shops and pubs cannot be kept up. 'We have to provide affordable homes for local people. If a community dies, there will be no one left to protect the beautiful countryside which attracts millions of visitors every year,' he said.

The new policy was welcomed by local residents and parish councils that have been campaigning for the introduction of restrictive occupancy. One resident, who has run a café for the past nine years, said that the local housing situation had become desperate. 'About three-quarters of the people I grew up with here have gone to the cities and towns for work and cheaper housing. A couple has to earn £20,000 each to be able to afford a mortgage and you're not going to find many around here who earn that,' he said.

The Yorkshire Dales is the third national park authority to implement restrictions on who can buy new homes. The Peak District did so more than ten years ago and Exmoor followed suit two months ago, with the Lake District imposing similar restrictions informally.

29. In this case, the term 'outsiders' refers to ____.

A) rich people who like living in cottages

B) people who come from other regions to settle permanently in the Dales

C) people living elsewhere who can afford another house or holiday cottage in the Dales

D) foreigners who buy houses or cottages in the Dales

30. With this ban on outsiders, the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority ____.

A) will give a 30% discount

B) believes houses will cost 30% less

C) thinks local people will be able to buy holiday cottages for 30% of the original price

D) will eliminate all holiday cottages and converted barns in the area

31. The aim of the ban ____.

A) is to stop people buying houses in the Dales

B) is to stop people who aren't local from going to the national parks

C) is to reverse the trend of the young people

D) is to encourage local young people to stay in the area

32. Houses ____.

A) in the national park are far more expensive than those which are not

B) in the national park are selling for £128,000 more than those which are not

C) cost £100 more than those outside the national park

D) in the national park are of an average price

33. Wealthy outsiders ____.

A) force local people to move out so they can buy their houses

B) are the only people able to afford to stay in a holiday cottage

C) have been buying houses in other national parks as well

D) cause trouble in national parks

34. ____ in the Dales.

A) 15% of outsiders live

B) There are some villages where only 35% of the inhabitants are local people

C) 65% of wealthy people have bought houses in popular villages

D) There are fewer wealthy people in the Exmoor and the Lake District national parks than

35. A large-scale housing development programme would ____.

A) be insufficient in the Dales

B) not be feasible as there are so few people who could afford to buy a house

C) not satisfy the outsiders as they only want to live in popular villages

D) spoil the natural beauty of the Dales

36. People will be able to buy newly-built houses in the Dales national park if ____.

A) they have lived in the area for at least three years or work full-time there

B) the house is in one of the thirty-three villages

C) they already exist

D) they have bought it on the open market

37. The ban ____.

A) will apply to existing homes as well as new ones

B) will stop estate agents from selling houses in the area

C) is appreciated by local inhabitants

D) will ensure that local inhabitants have more money to buy houses

38. The café owner ____.

A) cannot afford a mortgage on a house

B) has noticed a sharp fall in the number of local inhabitants

C) is desperate because local people are going to live and work in towns

D) thinks most local couples earn £20,000 each

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