ENGLISH GRAMMAR TESTS

Phrasal Verbs and Idioms MCQ Exercise 1

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1. I was very relieved when all the trouble died down.
A) the end **B)** subsided
C) got worse **D)** left
E) happened

2. She stood out among the crowd.
A) was standing **B)** came between
C) was noticeable **D)** saw
E) jumped into

3. In order to get ahead in life, one must study in school and not be afraid to work hard.
A) be better **B)** win
C) go into **D)** succeed
E) race

4. Please hold on. I'll call Tom to the phone.
A) wait **B)** come
C) carry **D)** see to it
E) relax

5. The lorry broke down in the middle of the road and stopped traffic for hours.
A) stopped working **B)** went to pieces
C) fell down **D)** had a flat tyre
E) fell apart

6. The teacher waited for the class to settle down before starting the lesson.
A) sit **B)** relocate
C) come in **D)** move over
E) become quiet

7. It took me three hours of explanation before the new assistant caught on to how the machine worked.
A) held onto **B)** controlled
C) understood **D)** training
E) worked

8. All the students decided to pitch in and give the teacher a going-away present.
A) contribute money **B)** throw out
C) go shopping **D)** add
E) come out

9. I believe in Joe. He’s never disappointed me.
A) help **B)** trust **C)** know **D)** met
E) dislike

10. I ran into an old friend the other day. We hadn't seen each other since high school.
A) hit **B)** came with
C) looked for **D)** met unexpectedly
E) bumped

11. The only person he could turn to was his mother.
A) look at **B)** see
C) get help from **D)** trust
E) want to

12. He got over the flu in a week.
A) recovered from **B)** came to
C) saw **D)** came down with
E) developed

13. After the plane crash the surviving passengers had to go without food or water for days.
A) travel to **B)** develop
C) get **D)** get by
E) lack

14. He has had to put up with the neighbour's noise for two years now.
A) fought with **B)** tolerate
C) mentioned **D)** discussed
E) told

15. We wanted to play a joke on him so we led him on with a silly story that he believed.
A) told **B)** discussed
C) misled **D)** took
E) taught

16. I had to do over the report because my instructor did not think it was up to my standard.
A) repeat **B)** write
C) put down **D)** fail
E) complete

17. Some people have a great deal of difficulty trying to tell apart the twins.
A) discuss **B)** seeing
C) looking for **D)** distinguish
E) talking to

18. We went to the airport to see off Jane.
A) look at **B)** say goodbye to
C) witness **D)** watch
E) take

19. George refused to get married because he didn’t want to be tied down.
A) imprisoned **B)** helped
C) restricted in freedom **D)** left alone
E) taken advantage of

20. I've been considering taking up the sport of horseback riding.
A) involving **B)** stopping
C) watching **D)** discussing
E) starting

21. We expected her to carry on, even after the loss of her father.
A) continue **B)** work
C) stay up **D)** hold together
E) keep seeing

22. I want to give up smoking but I don’t know how to.
A) start **B)** stop
C) offer **D)** buy
E) hand to one

23. The skunk gives off a most unpleasant odour.
A) transfers **B)** operates
C) has **D)** emits
E) owns

24. I haven’t been able to find out where Jonas went.
A) needs **B)** see **C)** discuss **D)** learn
E) hide

25. Don't hold it against me if you can't solve this problem. I’ve tried to help you as well as I could.
A) blame **B)** fight
C) take sides **D)** work with
E) gossip

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