UPPER INTERMEDIATE LEVEL VOCABULARY TESTS

Upper Level Vocabulary Test 20

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1. If the fire alarm is sounded, all residents are requested to _____ in the courtyard.
A) combine **B)** assemble
C) crowd **D)** mobilize
E) unite

2. The acoustics in the concert hall were very poor, and it would obviously be necessary to _____ my voice.
A) exaggerate **B)** extend
C) amplify **D)** develop
E) increase

3. One rainy night the old bridge _____ into the river without warning.
A) submerged **B)** collapsed
C) degenerated **D)** immersed
E) relapsed

4. The people who objected to the new road were told that since work had already started there was no point in _____.
A) contradicting **B)** protesting
C) provoking **D)** competing
E) refusing

5. When they asked him about it, he said it was no _____ of theirs and wouldn't tell them anything.
A) connection **B)** concern
C) relation **D)** relevance
E) influence

6. Nursery schools can be enormously _____ to socially disadvantaged children.
A) admirable **B)** beneficial
C) invaluable **D)** meritorious
E) praiseworthy

7. Corruption in the running of the city's largest bank was _____ in the local newspaper.
A) found **B)** discovered
C) detected **D)** exposed
E) commented

8. The lad spent several years as _____ to a master-builder, so that he might learn the trade.
A) applicant **B)** apprentice
C) learner **D)** student
E) pupil

9. He said he couldn't _____ to retire from work and live only on his pension.
A) accept **B)** afford
C) compensate **D)** depend
E) risk

10. After his heavy defeat in the local elections he decided to _____ from the campaign for the Presidency.
A) abandon **B)** renounce
C) retract **D)** withdraw
E) withhold

11. After the outbreak of a mysterious illness, investigation revealed _____ of the town's water supply.
A) corruption **B)** infiltration
C) contagion **D)** pollution
E) eruption

12. She was very interested in the work of certain charities and made a regular _____ to them.
A) commission **B)** contribution
C) allowance **D)** subsidy
E) tribute

13. The students visited the museum and spent several hours with the _____, who was very helpful.
A) commissioner **B)** bursar
C) steward **D)** curator
E) agent

14. As soon as the exams were over, the students all went their _____ ways.
A) homely **B)** perspective
C) respective **D)** relative
E) diverted

15. The council members were dissatisfied with the wording of the recommendation but passed it after _____ had been agreed.
A) innovations **B)** amendments
C) advancements **D)** preferments
E) refinements

16. He _____ his old car for a new model as soon as he had won the money.
A) interchanged **B)** exchanged
C) replaced **D)** converted
E) displaced

17. The brothers showed great _____ to their older sister, who had acted as the sole parent to them for many years.
A) compliance **B)** devotion
C) subjection **D)** estimation
E) allegiance

18. His poor standard of play fully justifies his _____ from the team for the match next Saturday.
A) rejection **B)** expulsion
C) exclusion **D)** exception
E) ban

19. Even a small dog in a house can _____ a thief.
A) deter **B)** arrest
C) waylay **D)** counter
E) forestall

20. His carelessness _____ the whole enterprise.
A) ventured **B)** risked
C) jeopardized **D)** chanced
E) hazarded

21. I congratulate you on your _____ in jewellery.
A) selection **B)** choice
C) flavour **D)** taste
E) likes

22. He _____ his rose bushes carefully with insecticide every evening.
A) distributed **B)** spread
C) trickled **D)** strewed
E) sprayed

23. Playing on strong national feelings, they _____ the crowd to burn down the Embassy.
A) animated **B)** inclined
C) incited **D)** instigated
E) impressed

24. Not knowing he had _____ out with his girlfriend, I made the mistake of inviting them both to the party.
A) fallen **B)** quarrelled
C) parted **D)** put
E) separated

25. All visitors are requested to _____ with the regulations.
A) agree **B)** comply
C) assent **D)** consent
E) concede

26. My father had to take private pupils in order to _____ his salary as a teacher.
A) expand **B)** augment
C) inflate **D)** enlarge
E) complete

27. Even though the football match was not very exciting, the _____ managed to make it sound interesting.
A) commentator **B)** newscaster
C) announcer **D)** presenter
E) narrator

28. The rain soon worked its way _____ the roof of the old cottage.
A) over **B)** in
C) by **D)** through
E) round

29. The Managing Director has asked to see the sales _____ resulting from our recent advertising campaign.
A) numbers **B)** calculations
C) amounts **D)** quantities
E) figures

30. TV, if properly used, can _____ a child's imagination.
A) cause **B)** incite
C) arise **D)** invoke
E) stimulate

31. The country's mineral resources have been _____ by foreign powers.
A) disused **B)** deprived
C) worn out **D)** extorted
E) exploited

32. He earns his living by _____ old paintings.
A) reviving **B)** restoring
C) retrieving **D)** recovering
E) renewing

33. Unless stricter hunting laws are introduced, seals will soon be _____.
A) defunct **B)** out-dated
C) archaic **D)** extinct
E) obsolete

34. Inflation is very hard on people of _____ means.
A) scarce **B)** impoverished
C) limited **D)** needy
E) shortened

35. A new system of quality control was _____ to overcome the defects in the firm's products.
A) installed **B)** inaugurated
C) introduced **D)** inserted
E) invested

36. Ask the publishers to send you their latest _____ of English text-books.
A) catalogue **B)** prospectus
C) brochure **D)** pamphlet
E) booklet

37. It is easier to adapt to new situations if one has a _____ attitude.
A) changeable **B)** flexible
C) moveable **D)** malleable
E) pliable

38. He was smoking; I could see the tip of his cigarette _____ in the darkness.
A) shining **B)** sparkling
C) gleaming **D)** glinting
E) glowing

39. Although he was under no _____, the shopkeeper replaced the defective battery free of charge.
A) urgency **B)** guarantee
C) obligation **D)** insistence
E) authority

40. I haven't the _____ idea what you mean.

A) lightest **B)** dimmest
C) faintest **D)** furthest
E) smallest

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