

Verb

Practice exercise 1

Choose the pair of words which complete the sentence to make logical sense:

- The pencil and pen are about _____ obsolete as everything _____ digital
 - To become..... goes
 - Go.... Goes
 - To turn... is
 - To be.....is
- _____ of the wisdom of the sages actually _____ us for teal life for it is a different ball game altogether.
 - Much.... Ground
 - None.... Prepares
 - All.... Readies us
 - Too much.... Prepares
- The group _____ dismayed as further problems began _____
 - Seen.... To appear
 - Appear..... to surface
 - Appeared.... To surface
 - Are to appear
- As I _____ home, I _____ a box of abandoned kittens on the sidewalk.
 - Travelled....observed
 - Travelled.... Noted
 - Walked.... Observed
 - Walked..... noticed
- Many people _____ the notion that “natural” _____ pesticide-free.
 - Keep.... Meaning
 - Keep.... Means
 - Have....mean
 - Have..... means.
- They _____ the theatre for two weeks while workers _____ new seats.
 - Shut down fix
 - Will close Install
 - Stalled..... fix
 - Will close..... settle
- Let’s _____ to the city centre and _____ sometime at the museum.
 - Go Spend
 - Depart Spend
 - Walk devote
 - Go Devote
- _____ corn with butter and salt, wrap it in aluminium foil, and _____ it on the grill.
 - Cover put
 - Smother Put

- (c) Brush Roast
 (d) Cover..... keep
9. We _____ quiet while the tour guide _____ the painting.
 (a) were Detailed
 (b) kept Was explaining
 (c) stayed..... started explaining
 (d) stayed Explained
10. we _____ that it _____ delicious.
 (a) Appreciated Was
 (b) Saw ... was
 (c) Felt Could be
 (d) Decided Tasted
11. My little son rohan _____ read the book twice, so he must have _____ it with the teacher.
 (a) Would have read
 (b) Could have seen it
 (c) Had already read
 (d) Did.... Read
12. There _____ no doubt in his adversary's mind that his argument _____ faulty
 (a) Is..... was
 (b) Would be was
 (c) Was.... Would prove
 (d) Could be..... would be
13. The sign says to _____ behind the line when _____ the work of art.
 (a) stay ... viewing
 (b) be ... viewing
 (c) keep ...watching
 (d) be ... observing
14. We could have ... to the city, but we ... the train instead.
 (a) drove-take
 (b) been driving ... take
 (c) driven ... take
 (d) driven ... took
15. Nancy ... thrown the paper away if she ... it was important.
 (a) would not have thrownhad known
 (b) would not have threw ... knew
 (c) would have ... knew
 (d) would not threw ... had known.
16. Next time, if you ...help, please feel free to ask. I ...very happy to help.
 (a) do need ... am
 (b) would need ... will be
 (c) should need... would be
 (d) need... am
17. I didn't realize that she otherwise, I ...her the money earlier.
 (a) had already gone ... would have given

- (b) went away ... would give
 - (c) ha gone ...gave
 - (d) was gone ... I would have given
18. We ...the orange sherbet and a two-litre pack to take home
- (a) tasted ... ordered
 - (b) taste ... order
 - (c) drank ... bought
 - (d) drunk ... ordered
19. The dealer ...to the flea market ... good antique deals.
- (a) would go to check
 - (b) will go ... to find
 - (c) is going ... check
 - (d) goes to search.
20. The skier might ...the race had she not got her pole ...in the snow.
- (a) have won... stuck
 - (b) have win ... stick
 - (c) win ... sticking
 - (d) have won...jammed

Answers:

1. A 2. B 3. C 4. D 5. D 6. B 7. A 8. C 9. C 10. D 11. C
 12. C 13. A 14. D 15. C 16. A 17. A 18. A 19. B 20. A

Practice Exercise 2

Choose the correct option to replace the underlined words in the sentences given below:

1. Mahesh allayed my doubts regarding my new job. He said everything would work out well.
 - (a) encouraged me
 - (b) dissolved my fears
 - (c) reassured me
 - (d) discussed with me
2. The panel accepted as satisfactory the findings of the experts.
 - (a) Applauded
 - (b) Passed
 - (c) Approved of
 - (d) Cleared
3. Savita was interested and drawn by the artistic paintings of the master painter.
 - (a) Reassured
 - (b) Excited
 - (c) Attracted
 - (d) Commanded
4. The little boy sat on the orange and reduced it to pulp.

- (a) Squashed
 - (b) Mashed
 - (c) Pressed
 - (d) Flattened
5. The inhabitants of the country have been killed in large numbers due to the civil war.
- (a) Murdered
 - (b) Destroyed
 - (c) Assassinated
 - (d) Decimated
6. The opposition leader suggested and hinted in a negative way that the minister was corrupt.
- (a) Advised
 - (b) Mocked
 - (c) Insinuated
 - (d) Remarked
7. The President's visit emphasises and stresses the administration's commitment to free trade.
- (a) brings out
 - (b) underlines
 - (c) drives home
 - (d) underscores
8. The military vehicle was arranged and setup for the rough terrain.
- (a) Computed
 - (b) Configured
 - (c) Convoluted
 - (d) Rigged up
9. The Confucian view puts forward as fact or as a basis for argument the view that human nature can be made perfect.
- (a) Argues
 - (b) Discusses
 - (c) Lays down
 - (d) Posits
10. The jacket makes his plump figure more notice-able and prominent.
- (a) Accentuates
 - (b) Exaggerates
 - (c) Highlights
 - (d) Obvious
11. Mr Seth gave support to me when I was in the process of applying for the scholarship.
- (a) Applauded
 - (b) Acknowledged
 - (c) Encouraged
 - (d) Approved
12. The rabbit came out from the hole and scrambled towards the garden patch.
- (a) Dissolved
 - (b) Emerged
 - (c) Appeared
 - (d) Disappeared.
13. The decision was ridiculed by environmentalists who expressed contempt for it.

- (a) Reviled
 - (b) Derided
 - (c) Criticised
 - (d) Mocked
14. Customers were warned to examine and inspect closely and thoroughly the small print.
- (a) look into
 - (b) scrutinize
 - (c) analyse
 - (d) comprehend
15. The masses were controlled and influenced cleverly and unscrupulously by the politically motivated group.
- (a) Misguided
 - (b) Misconstrued
 - (c) Mismanaged
 - (d) Manipulated

Answers:

1. C 2. C 3. B 4. C 5. C 6. A 7. D 8. C 9. D 10. B 11. C
12. B 13. B 14. D 15. B