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Exercise 1**Choose the most suitable substitute or definition.**

1. obvious
 - a. evident
 - b. understandable
 - c. silly
 - d. impossible
2. employment
 - a. employee
 - b. occupation
 - c. excitement
 - d. duty
3. unconcerned
 - a. without order
 - b. not busy
 - c. not available
 - d. not interested
4. conduct
 - a. guide
 - b. build
 - c. erect
 - d. conclude
5. complain
 - a. ramble
 - b. accuse
 - c. grumble
 - d. blame
6. suburbs
 - a. country
 - b. outskirts
 - c. town
 - d. metropolis
7. incident
 - a. conflict
 - b. misunderstanding
 - c. event
 - d. suspicion
8. confirmation
 - a. formation
 - b. compromise
 - c. restraint
 - d. proof
9. temporary
 - a. odd
 - b. short-termed
 - c. part-time
 - d. tempting

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| 10. reliable | a. desirable | b. acceptable |
| | c. respectable | d. dependable |
| 11. intend | a. plan | b. refuse |
| | c. save | d. ask |
| 12. downfall | a. ruin | b. destination |
| | c. valley | d. rotation |
| 13. revolve | a. reverse | b. alter |
| | c. turn | d. install |
| 14. stroller | a. carriage | b. walker |
| | c. traveller | d. camper |
| 15. subsequent | a. previous | b. later |
| | c. contemporary | d. preceding |
| 16. casual | a. informal | b. cautious |
| | c. shabby | d. unpleasant |
| 17. unimportant | a. petty | b. pity |
| | c. partial | d. pretty |
| 18. presumably | a. necessarily | b. impracticably |
| | c. perhaps | d. probably |
| 19. solicitor | a. judge | b. employer |
| | c. lawyer | d. officer |
| 20. gloomily | a. literally | b. positively |

c. depressedly

d. lively

Exercise 2

Substitute the underlined words.

1. The referee's decision was arbitrary, since he could not see the action from where he was standing.
a. accurate b. objective
c. impersonal d. willful
2. Her old clothes are a witness to her poverty.
a. trial of b. standard of
c. proof of d. look of
3. The candidate felt that his academic credentials were sufficient to win him the job.
a. important b. educational
c. costly d. experience
4. The reference she made to her friend, the poet, was interesting but too obscure for anyone to appreciate.
a. delightful b. helpful
c. strange d. hidden
5. A child's behavior often changes in the presence of strangers.
a. personality b. conduct
c. comprehension d. ability
6. The teacher dismissed the pupils at ten o'clock because of the storm.
a. sent waay b. kept
c. gathered together d. lined up
7. They award scholarships to the students with the highest grades.
a. grand b. grant
c. greet d. grind

8. All the prisoners will be released in five months.
a. set right b. set aside
c. set free d. set on their feet
9. A snowstorm is officially pronounced a blizzard when the wind is 35 miles per hour, the temperature is 20 F or less, and visibility is severely limited.
a. arbitrarily b. formally
c. frankly d. internally
10. As a rule, parrots form couples and often stay mated for life.
a. habits b. nests
c. flocks d. pairs
11. Flowers attract insects with brilliant colors.
a. delicate b. sensible
c. harmonious d. bright
12. I don't know if the story is true, but I'll try to confirm it.
a. conform b. identify
c. verify d. fortify
13. He looks a nice, reliable man.
a. honest b. trustworthy
c. generous d. wise
14. We dressed in casual clothes for the outing.
a. expensive b. second-hand
c. plain d. shabby
15. She tried to seem absolutely unconcerned.
a. exhausted b. enthusiastic
c. impatient d. indifferent
16. What is your procedure in making such puddings?
a. choice b. procession
c. problem d. process
17. The wheels of a car rotate as it moves along.

- a. gained b. awarded
c. earned d. deserved
6. His writing is so ____ that we cannot clarify his ideas on first reading.
a. objective b. obedient
c. obscure d. obvious
7. You should ____ to your teacher for your rude remarks.
a. regret b. apologize
c. confess d. complain
8. It is not considered ____ to litter in public.
a. respectful b. respective
c. respected d. respectable
9. The doctor came to the conclusion that the patient's blindness was ____.
a. contemporary b. temperate
c. consistent d. temporary
10. I have a number of ____ to make about the management of the hotel.
a. claims b. accusations
c. complaints d. grumbles
11. He was rather upset by the news and so I am afraid that our careless remarks ____ him.
a. recommended b. pursued
c. fried d. offended
12. I have a letter ____ my reservation at the hotel.
a. listing b. reassigning
c. confirming d. banning
13. His mother always keeps a candle in the house ____ there is a power cut.
a. in case b. in the case
c. frightened d. in the event
14. The journalist claimed that the information came from a ____

- __ source.
- a. reliable
 - b. confident
 - c. sure
 - d. believable
15. The new education system was introduced on a ____ basis.
- a. training
 - b. trial
 - c. trying
 - d. try
16. The local government is determined ____ prohibiting the sale and the use of the drug.
- a. as regards
 - b. with regards
 - c. in connection with
 - d. with a view to
17. He was ____ with murder.
- a. accused
 - b. charged
 - c. sentenced
 - d. proved
18. The noise ____ to be just the dog scratching at the door.
- a. turned out
 - b. turned over
 - c. turned in
 - d. turned up
19. I am sorry that I have been so long in sending the photos. I had the film ____ only last week.
- a. cleaned
 - b. processed
 - c. washed
 - d. produced
20. The debate revolved ____ whether the new highway should be built or not.
- a. on
 - b. upon
 - c. around
 - d. along

Exercise 1

Choose the most suitable substitute or definition.

1. establish
 - a. set down
 - b. set about
 - c. set up
 - d. set aside
2. nightmare
 - a. frightening experience
 - b. common experience
 - c. peculiar experience
 - d. first-hand experience
3. groan
 - a. moan
 - b. shout
 - c. cry
 - d. complain
4. smash
 - a. shatter
 - b. scratch
 - c. shake
 - d. split
5. unpleasantly dirty
 - a. dark
 - b. filthy
 - c. cheap
 - d. smelly
6. collect, gather together
 - a. round in
 - b. round with
 - c. round about
 - d. round up
7. attic
 - a. roof
 - b. window
 - c. basement
 - d. garret
8. awful
 - a. terrible
 - b. surprising
 - c. cheerful
 - d. sad
9. imagine
 - a. draw
 - b. paint
 - c. draft
 - d. picture

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| 10. stare | |
| a. gaze | b. peep |
| c. glance | d. glimpse |
| 11. seize | |
| a. search | b. seek |
| c. capture | d. captive |
| 12. endure | |
| a. bare | b. bear |
| c. beer | d. bean |
| 13. stream | |
| a. fly | b. flow |
| c. flee | d. flash |
| 14. weep | |
| a. sob | b. sign |
| c. utter | d. choke |
| 15. risky | |
| a. complicated | b. costly |
| c. dangerous | d. time consuming |
| 16. disaster | |
| a. danger | b. threat |
| c. mystery | d. catastrophe |
| 17. lower | |
| a. stabilize | b. reduce |
| c. discourage | d. disappoint |
| 18. hobble | |
| a. walk lamely | b. walk steadily |
| c. walk blindly | d. walk warily |
| 19. crisis | |
| a. prospect | b. emergency |
| c. surplus | d. inclination |
| 20. flicker | |
| a. shine brightly | b. shine unsteadily |

c. shine dimly

d. shine radiantly

Exercise 2

Substitute the underlined words.

1. The nurse bandaged up the boy's broken leg.
a. cleaned b. straightened
c. cured d. tied up
2. All the items that were found were sent to the War Museum.
a. rifles b. weapons
c. ships d. things
3. So far we don't have any effective drugs to cure cancer.
a. methods b. operations
c. medicines d. treatment
4. The United States has instituted a set of auto emission standards to reduce pollution.
a. suggested b. established
c. published d. accepted
5. After a quick flare of temper the child calmed down.
a. outcome b. outburst
c. outlet d. outset
6. She wants to hitch her trailer to your car.
a. wreck b. handle
c. connect d. transfer
7. Several members of the royal family have been held prisoner in the Tower of London.
a. refugee b. enemy
c. captive d. captain
8. The law authorizes policemen to carry revolvers.
a. forbids b. encourages
c. permits d. stops

9. The young performers captured and held the audience's attention from the moment the curtain went up.
 - a. caught
 - b. gathered
 - c. took
 - d. trapped
10. Before I noticed a small difference, I had thought the machines were exactly the same.
 - a. equivalent
 - b. identical
 - c. artificial
 - d. occational
11. The candle burned unsteadily in the wind and then went out.
 - a. flickered
 - b. fussed
 - c. descended
 - d. dazzled
12. I've never seen such a parade of jewelry as there was at the party.
 - a. fashion display
 - b. public display
 - c. showy display
 - d. bold display
13. Irish pet cat likes to sprawl out in front of the fireplace to sleep.
 - a. crawl
 - b. climb
 - c. stretch
 - d. curl up
14. In the fall the weather is cool in the morning but warm by midday.
 - a. chilly
 - b. rusty
 - c. idle
 - d. moist
15. I have nothing but my old rags to wear.
 - a. old boots
 - b. worn-out clothes
 - c. second hand shoes
 - d. favorite gloves
16. All their efforts to solve the problem proved futile.
 - a. unnecessary
 - b. undesirable
 - c. useless
 - d. worthless
17. Beth could identify her coat because it had large red buttons.

- a. recognize b. define
- c. prove d. claim
- 18. The tired old man stumbled alone in the street.
 - a. flickered b. faltered
 - c. flashed d. followed
- 19. The walnut trees began to bear fruit in the third year.
 - a. endure b. carry
 - c. produce d. mix
- 20. When will you set off on your vacation?
 - a. plan b. decide about
 - c. come back d. begin

Exercise 3

Fill in the blanks with the most suitable words.

1. It is dangerous to live in a building with ____ walls.
 - a. credit b. cracked
 - c. crippled d. crushed
2. Her beauty ____ him and he swore to stay with her forever.
 - a. admired b. cheated
 - c. swayed d. captured
3. Tobacco and alcohol are considered as dangerous _____.
 - a. dishes b. drugs
 - c. liquids d. solids
4. Music theory ____ the same relation to actual music as linguistics does to language.
 - a. beats b. rears
 - c. bears d. contains
5. The links between cigarette smoking and cancer are not well _____.
 - a. published b. accomplished
 - c. completed d. established

6. They ____ the rock group's new record by playing it often on the radio.
a. promoted b. published
c. obstructed d. criticized
7. Several tired-looking people were ____ in armchairs.
a. laying b. leaning
c. crawling d. sprawling
8. She had just ____ the shell of the hard-boiled egg and was starting to take it off.
a. cracked b. whipped
c. crashed d. burst
9. If I whisper you my secret, will you promise not to ____?
a. say b. speak
c. tell d. cry
10. Bricks must be of ____ size.
a. union b. uniform
c. unique d. unit
11. He didn't want to risk ____ wet as he had only one suit.
a. get b. to get
c. got d. getting
12. He brushed ____ all our objections.
a. away b. off
c. down d. aside
13. Cold heads will bring us ____ this crisis.
a. through b. over
c. out d. off
14. The doctor wrote ____ two prescriptions.
a. in b. out
c. up d. down
15. He resigned because ____ were few.
a. promotions b. wages
c. increases d. moves

16. The traveller's passport established his ____.
- a. proof
 - b. evidence
 - c. identity
 - d. case
17. I prefer the ____ alternative to the latter.
- a. formal
 - b. former
 - c. previous
 - d. first
18. The Prime Minister is the ____ head of the State.
- a. exercise
 - b. exclusive
 - c. executive
 - d. excessive
19. The driver tried to ____ the accident by bringing the car to a sudden stop.
- a. avert
 - b. control
 - c. minimize
 - d. compensate
20. Having beaten his ____, he was elected to the Congress.
- a. promoter
 - b. opponent
 - c. colleague
 - d. adviser