

Vocabulary

Choose the correct answers.

- 1 The company's ___ was made public after a journalist revealed that executives were using shareholders' money for personal expenses.
a speculation
b ambiguity
c illusion
d deception
- 2 Human teleportation is not possible today, and in fact, it may only ever be a thing of ___ fiction.
a space
b science
c technology
d concept
- 3 Einstein couldn't test many of his ideas, so they were only ___ possible.
a theoretically
b apparently
c evidently
d undoubtedly
- 4 Scott wasn't sure how to move forward with his experiment, so he played ___ some different ideas until he found something that worked.
a down
b around
c with
d around with
- 5 Many scientists have dreamt of discovering a way to turn lead ___ gold, but no one has yet found out how.
a off
b around
c away from
d into
- 6 I'm sorry, but your theory seems completely ___; it doesn't make sense.
a imperfect
b illogical
c immature
d irrational
- 7 For centuries, scientists have had to fight ___ powerful forces in society to get their ideas adopted.
a off
b for
c against
d back
- 8 It's ___ to think that mankind could one day travel across the galaxy.
a inconceivable
b disconnected
c irreversible
d distasteful
- 9 The clouds parted and a radiant ___ of light shone through.
a scam
b realm
c whim
d beam
- 10 There is ___ that the university's science department will shut down, but no official announcement has been made.
a ambiguity
b enigma
c speculation
d illusion
- 11 In the film *Back to the Future*, the characters Marty McFly and Doc Brown use a DeLorean car as a time _____.
a traveller
b highway
c device
d machine
- 12 I'm afraid I don't have all the data from the experiment, as it's only ___ complete.
a partially
b probably
c presumably
d particularly
- 13 The research must have been poorly analysed because these numbers simply don't add ____.
a on
b to
c up to
d up
- 14 I don't know why you have to conduct an experiment to find out why water turns to ice; it seems like common ____.
a idea
b sense
c thought
d belief
- 15 We know part of the reason why the mission failed, but many questions still remain ____.
a unlikely
b imperfect
c inaccessible
d unresolved
- 16 It'll be years before this experiment ends; in fact, the project runs ___ 2035.
a over
b away from
c into
d until
- 17 ___ the astronauts travelling to the space station were an astrophysics professor and a mechanical engineer.
a Within
b Behind
c Among
d Towards
- 18 Oscar Wilde said that he could resist everything except temptation, which is a ____.
a paradox
b scam
c hoax
d illusion
- 19 Some of the students argued during the lecture, ___ because the topic was so controversial.
a especially
b presumably
c technically
d surprisingly
- 20 Ronald told me life on the moon was possible, but I think he was having me _____.
a over
b on
c in for
d out with

Grammar

Choose the correct answers.

- 1 If you begin your speech with a funny story, the audience ____ it.
a would have appreciated
b will appreciate
c would appreciate
d appreciated
- 2 If my kids have a cold, I usually ____ it, too.
a catch
b will catch
c would catch
d caught
- 3 The writer will autograph your copy of his book if you ____ him to.
a asked
b will ask
c would ask
d ask
- 4 Most people ____ believe you if you told them Martians were real.
a won't
b wouldn't
c don't
d didn't
- 5 If you used a quotation in your paper without crediting the source, you ____ someone else's work.
a have plagiarised
b plagiarised
c will plagiarise
d plagiarise
- 6 If Einstein ____ come up with the theory of relativity, we wouldn't know anything about the relationship between space and time.
a hadn't
b hasn't
c didn't
d wouldn't have
- 7 'I handed in my paper to Professor Goldstein, and he didn't say a word.'
'It sounds as ____ in a bad mood.'
a if he is
b though he were
c like he is
d if he will be
- 8 'This laptop's badly damaged, I'm afraid.'
'____ we're able to turn it on, will we be able to retrieve the files?'
a Unless
b Otherwise
c Supposing
d In case
- 9 If he hadn't recommended the film, I ____ to see it.
a wouldn't go
b won't go
c might not have gone
d couldn't have gone
- 10 'Eddie knocked a few things over while he was working last night.'
'If he broke something in the lab, they ____ him from using it again.'
a banned
b ban
c will ban
d had banned
- 11 'What do you think about a trip to Saturn?'
'I would sooner go to Mars ____ that icy gas giant.'
a if I visit
b than if I visit
c than visit
d if visiting
- 12 If I knew it was going to rain today, I ____ an umbrella.
a would have brought
b would bring
c will have brought
d will bring
- 13 If you ____ your facts from the Internet, you would probably have some incorrect information.
a don't check
b haven't checked
c never checked
d wouldn't check
- 14 I'll finally get my PhD ____ my dissertation is published.
a so long
b providing that
c unless
d supposing that
- 15 'I haven't done any reading since the semester began.'
'I'd say it's high time you ____ a book then.'
a 'Il open
b would open
c open
d opened
- 16 'Dr Lynn's book on space travel is truly revolutionary.'
'____ it weren't so laborious to read.'
a Provided
b So long as
c If only
d Supposing
- 17 'I've been working for twelve hours every day this week.'
'Don't spend too much time doing that, otherwise you ____ insane.'
a have gone
b would go
c went
d will go
- 18 'It's a shame that we missed the deadline for submission.'
'If only we ____ the project a day earlier.'
a didn't finish
b would have finished
c can finish
d could have finished
- 19 The people in the village ____ as if they had never seen an outsider before.
a act
b had acted
c would act
d acted
- 20 ____ the temperature of water reaches 100°C, it boils.
a In case
b Supposing
c When
d Unless

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