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1. Queen Elizabeth II, the UK's longest-serving monarch, died ..... October 2022, at Balmoral Castle, aged 96, after reigning for 70 years.

A. in B. on C. at D. by 1. ☐

2. The Good Friday Agreement did not solve the geopolitical issues at the heart of the conflict in Northern Ireland, .....? Yet, it allowed people in Northern Ireland to identify as Irish, British, or both.

A. was it B. did it C. didn't it D. wasn't it 2. ☐

3. Welcome ..... the Oval Office. And the floor is yours. Our thoughts today undoubtedly are with the Ukrainian people who are fighting bravely for their country. We are doing our best to help them.

A. at B. to C. in D. on 3. ☐

4. Mitt Romney has stated that this is the first time, in 80 years, that a great power ..... to conquer a sovereign state. Putin's invasion of Ukraine is without justification, without provocation, without honour.

A. is moving B. moved C. has moved D. has been moving 4. ☐

5. After a turbulent few weeks in Britain, last Tuesday Rishi Sunak ..... the country's prime minister, the third in less than two months. Sunak makes history as the United Kingdom's first prime minister of color.

A. has become B. became C. has been becoming D. was becoming 5. ☐

6. I have listened carefully to those who ..... for a Second Referendum for more than two months. I do not believe this is a route that we should take, because I think we should be implementing the result of the first referendum, not asking the British people to vote in a second one.

A. ask B. have been asking C. are asking D. were asking 6. ☐

7. .... Liz Truss was the shortest-serving prime minister, she has seen a queen and a king.

A. Despite B. Although C. Even though D. Nevertheless 7. ☐

8. .... Russia's efforts to divide us at home and abroad, I can affirm that this has not happened. The overwhelming message of both — on both calls was one of unity, determination, and resolve.

A. Despite B. Although C. Even though D. Nevertheless 8. ☐

9. I want to thank you for ..... Russia's unjustifiable invasion and the atrocities they are committing in Ukraine. It's not just a threat to Europe and Ukraine, but it's a threat to the international peace and stability.

A. condemn B. to condemn C. condemning D. to condemning 9. ☐

10. I ..... for repeating myself, but I want to remind you that the bond between Ireland and the United States has grown deeper and stronger over the years. And we've navigated a once-in-a-century pandemic together. We've grieved the loss of too many people in both our countries.

A. excuse me B. excuse C. apologize D. apologize myself 10. ☐

11. As my predecessor who sat in this seat, President Obama, used ....., "We'd be all right if we left everything to the Nordic countries. Everything would be fine. They usually don't start wars".

A. to say B. say C. to saying D. saying 11. ☐

12. Many people in the United States are used ..... about climate change and global warming as if they were synonyms. In actual fact, they are not synonyms, in that global warming is a by-product of climate change.

A. talk B. to talk C. talking D. to talking 12. ☐

13. Right now there are more than 62 million girls around the world who are not in school – girls whose families think they are not worth ..... to school, or girls who can't afford it, or girls who live too far from the nearest school.

A. go B. to go C. going D. to going 13. ☐

14. Rarely ..... so divided, and the difference between the parties so clear.

A. is Britain B. has Britain been C. Britain has been D. Britain is 14. ☐

15. When I said that I wanted to lead a campaign to take the UK out of the European Union, you all laughed ..... me. You're not laughing now, are you?

A. of B. to C. over D. at 15. ☐

16....., the reality of a global pandemic was a question of when, not a question of if. The coronavirus pandemic was not a black swan, in fact, because it was not unique and was instead predicted and foreseen.

- A. At hindsight      B. With hindsight      C. Over hindsight      D. By hindsight      16. ☐

17. Donald Trump used many slogans in his government. One of the most frequent was “..... the swamp”, often employed also by Ronald Reagan and other politicians. Trump often used the phrase in reference to Hillary Clinton.

- A. clear      B. empty      C. drain      D. clean      17. ☐

18. Before leaving the EU, the European Commission went the ..... for Britain, discussing how best to break the Brexit stalemate and see whether an agreement could be reached.

- A. extra metre      B. extra mile      C. extra kilometer      D. extra stone      18. ☐

19. The phrase ‘..... immunity’ was first coined in epidemiology in 1923, and even though it enjoys scientific status, it became a controversial expression, mainly because it usually refers to domesticated animals, especially livestock, like cows, goats, or sheep.

- A. herd      B. sheep      C. cow      D. goat      19. ☐

20. War metaphors have always been used to refer to the pandemic, ..... they clearly indicate that the sense of urgency and emergency.

- A. in this      B. in that      C. in these      D. in those      20. ☐

21. Fighting against the coronavirus was like fighting in the dark against a callous and invisible enemy, until science helped us to turn on the lights and to gain.....

- A. the upper hand      B. the lower hand      C. the upper help      D. the lower help      21. ☐

22. We are all ..... difficult times. We are learning how to be resilient and how to overcome this challenge.

- A. going to      B. going through      C. going towards      D. going over      22. ☐

23. The UK was the first country to ..... AstraZeneca vaccine developed by Oxford University and AstraZeneca. Dialysis patient Brian Pinker, 82, was the first to get the shot at 7.30 GMT at Oxford University Hospital.

- A. roll out      B. roll to      C. roll away      D. roll on      23. ☐

24. With the arrival of the pandemic, governments everywhere could not help ..... the authority of experts in molecular evolution, epidemiology, statistics, virology, microbiology, social science, social psychology, economics and other disciplines.

- A. relying up      B. relying over      C. relying at      D. relying on      24. ☐

25. So I stand here before you, ready to lead our country into the future, to put your needs above politics, to ..... and build a government that represents the very best traditions of my party. Together we can achieve incredible things.

- A. reach out      B. reach in      C. reach up      D. reach over      25. ☐

26. It is time for humanity to..... It is time for us to listen to the warnings of the scientists – and if you look at Covid, you will see an example of scientists being proved right.

- A. grow up      B. grow down      C. grow at      D. grow through      26. ☐

27. We trash our habitats again and again with the inductive reasoning that we have ..... it so far, and therefore that it will always be the same.

- A. got over with      B. got away with      C. got up with      D. got on with      27. ☐

28. On election day, on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, did you think you were taking part in an insurrection? Or did you think you were ..... your highest duty as a citizen and voting?

- A. carrying over      B. carrying out      C. carrying in      D. carrying away      28. ☐

29. Donald Trump said the US could not ..... the Paris Accord rules because climate change is a hoax.

- A. abide to      B. abide over      C. abide at      D. abide by      29. ☐

30. Donald Trump said on several occasions, “I ..... very well with Anthony Fauci”, despite his well-known disdain for science. Indeed, he often called him and other doctors “a bunch of thugs”.

- A. get over      B. get along      C. get in      D. get away      30. ☐



