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**Write the answer (A-B-C-D) which best completes each sentence. Do not rewrite the answer or circle it:**

1. In his speech at the COP27 Opening Ceremony, António Guterres warned that “the clock is ticking”, adding that Humanity has a choice: cooperate or perish. It is ..... a solidarity pact or a collective suicide pact”.  
A. or                      B. either                      C. nor                      D. neither                      1.
2. The 2024 United Kingdom general election was held ..... Thursday, 4 July. The Conservative Party, led by Rishi Sunak, was defeated in a landslide by the Labour Party, led by Keir Starmer, who is now the new British Prime Minister.  
A. on                      B. in                      C. by                      D. at                      2.
3. The 2024 UK election was the first general election victory for the Labour Party ..... 2005, and ended the Conservative Party’s fourteen-year tenure as the primary governing party.  
A. from                      B. by                      C. since                      D. for                      3.
4. Welcome ..... the UAE. The COP28 summit this year took place in Dubai. It is recently being said that Dubai, a desert city known for private jets, giant yachts and other symbols of carbon-heavy high living, is an awkward location for a conference on climate change.  
A. in                      B. at                      C. by                      D. to                      4.
5. Joe Biden keeps saying that time is running out, it is too late, ..... we act now, act big and act fast.  
A. if not                      B. whereas                      C. unless                      D. only                      5.
6. If we ..... to scientists, we would have not underestimated the risks of a global pandemic.  
A. listened                      B. had listened                      C. have been listening                      D. were listening                      6.
7. The boiling frog metaphor describes a frog being slowly boiled alive. The premise is that if a frog is put in tepid water which is then brought to a boil slowly, it ..... the danger and will be cooked to death.  
A. wouldn’t perceive    B. won’t perceive    C. it wouldn’t have perceived    D. would be perceiving    7.
8. We are ..... by the appalling events in Ukraine that freedom and democracy can never be taken for granted. Each generation must be ready to stand up and defend them.  
A. recalled                      B. remembered                      C. reminded                      D. retold                      8.
9. We ..... to remember that social media are one of the primary means through which Americans say they obtain scientific information.  
A. should                      B. ought                      C. could                      D. would                      9.
10. You all know that the vaccines are distributed to states based on population. And so, the smaller the state, the less vaccine; ..... the state, the more they get.  
A. the big                      B. the bigger                      C. the biggest                      D. the more big                      10.
11. I want you ..... the United States will do — we’ll do our part. We’ll stand with you. We’ll fight for our shared values. We’ll meet the challenges of this new moment in history. America is back. So let’s get together.  
A. know                      B. knowing                      C. to know                      D. to knowing                      11.
12. All countries have started setting “net zero” targets to combat climate change. Theoretically, the concept is simple—balance greenhouse gas removal with greenhouse gas emissions. ...., achieving net zero will prove to be a Herculean task.  
A. Though                      B. But                      C. Yet                      D. Whatever                      12.
13. It is worth ..... everybody that in 2015 the Paris Agreement was signed by 195 countries in the world, that means that nearly every nation on earth has pledged to address the undeniable fact that climate change is real, and is caused, in no small part, by human activity.  
A. remind                      B. reminding                      C. to remind                      D. to reminding                      13.
14. On 25 October 2022, Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni congratulated Rishi Sunak ..... his appointment as British Prime Minister, only a few days after her.  
A. at                      B. in                      C. for                      D. on                      14.

15. Climate change is ravaging the world. Record flooding and what used ..... a once-in-a-century storms are now happening every few years.

- A. be                      B. being                      C. to be                      D. to being                      15. ☐

16. Rishi Sunak ..... the British Prime Minister from October 2022 to July 2024. He was the first British Indian and the first Hindu to hold the office. His premiership ended upon his resignation on 5 July 2024.

- A. is                      B. has been                      C. was                      D. has been being                      16. ☐

17. Contrary to common belief, Conservative Margaret Thatcher, just like Prime Minister Edward Heath, was pro-Europe, .....

- A. as well as                      B. as well                      C. as good as                      D. as good                      17. ☐

18. The relationship between the UK and the EU has always been referred to as a relationship on the rocks, ....., that is difficult, at stake, troubled, uncomfortable and uneasy.

- A. as it were                      B. as it was                      C. as it goes                      D. as it comes                      18. ☐

19. Justine Greening said that saying that the UK would be more European out of Europe “..... in the face of common sense”, and that this statement was absurd and illogical.

- A. goes                      B. flies                      C. comes                      D. takes                      19. ☐

20. Donald Tusk was very annoyed by the British ‘.....’ attitude, and he was no longer willing to accept this cherry-picking attitude once they had left the Union, and said that there would be no cakes on the table for anyone, only salt and vinegar.

- A. à-la-carte                      B. à-le-menu                      C. à-la-plate                      D. à-le-choix                      20. ☐

21. It has to be admitted, though, that the 27 had gone the extra ..... for Britain many times, and that they had already been very indulgent while they were still part of the European Union.

- A. mile                      B. distance                      C. far                      D. way                      21. ☐

22. It is well known by now that Leavers, in order to have more votes, ..... many lies, in particular that the UK was giving the European Union 350 million pounds a week that could have been spent on the NHS.

- A. recounted                      B. told                      C. said                      D. acknowledged                      22. ☐

23. It can safely be said that an irrational fear of immigration was the key reason that pushed the UK out of Europe. All the UK wanted was to ..... control, control of immigration, control of their laws, control of their identity.

- A. get back                      B. put back                      C. take back                      D. give back                      23. ☐

24. The day after the referendum outcome, David Cameron announced he would ..... as Prime Minister, saying in his resignation speech that he could no longer “steady the ship over the coming weeks and months”.

- A. step away                      B. step down                      C. step over                      D. step out                      24. ☐

25. In 1975 Harold Wilson, in order to hold his party together, ..... a two-fold promise: that he would re-negotiate the terms of membership and that he would hold an in/out referendum.

- A. took                      B. pledged                      C. did                      D. made                      25. ☐

26. It has to be admitted that Theresa May did try very hard to ..... a way to deal with the Irish border, to no avail.

- A. figure in                      B. figure out                      C. figure up                      D. figure on                      26. ☐

27. Even before leaving the EU, Britain was already cherry-picking from the European tree without bothering to water the soil or ..... its branches.

- A. take to                      B. care to                      C. give to                      D. tend to                      27. ☐

28. Rishi Sunak ..... for Liz Truss as Britain’s Prime Minister in October 2022. His premiership lasted less than two years.

- A. took over                      B. took up                      C. took at                      D. took out                      28. ☐

29. Despite the best intentions on both parts, divorces can ..... to be ugly, divorces hurt.

- A. turn out                      B. turn off                      C. turn in                      D. turn over                      29. ☐

30. Boris Johnson wanted to deliver Brexit at any cost, “no ifs no buts”, “come what .....”, “do or die”, he said.

- A. goes                      B. comes                      C. may                      D. can                      30. ☐

