

16. With we can safely say that the pandemic was a grey rhino rather than a black swan, since it was not unique. The scientific community had instead predicted and foreseen it, yet it was ignored altogether.

- A. sight B. foresight C. hindsight D. oversight 16.

17. Even though politicians keep saying that we should avoid bellicose language and metaphors in general, it cannot be denied that the war rhetoric, in that it clearly shows the urgency and the emergency of the issue.

- A. hard dies B. dies hard C. dies hardly D. hardly dies 17.

18. The purpose of the COP28 summit was to of our collective progress towards achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement.

- A. get stock B. give stock C. gain stock D. take stock 18.

19. Boris Johnson wanted to leave the UK also at the cost of having a “Disunited Kingdom”, with the risk of a divorce of Scotland from the rest of the UK, a divorce of Northern Ireland, to unite the island under Dublin.

- A. as long as B. as soon as C. as well as D. as far as 19.

20. Boris Johnson wanted to deliver Brexit at any cost, no ifs no buts, come what, do or die.

- A. comes B. goes C. may D. can 20.

21. The thorny issue of the Irish border was one of the main reasons why an agreement was never reached on Theresa May’s

- A. watch B. clock C. agenda D. time 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 back C. roll away D. roll on 23.

24. Xi Jinping did not at the COP28 summit in Dubai. He chose to stay absent at a time when China is trying to position itself as ‘leader of Global South’.

- A. show up B. show off C. show at D. show away 24.

25. The COP22 meetings took place in Marrakech. A few days later Donald Trump won the presidential elections and the ‘Trump effect’ started to take shape, that is some sort of domino effect that would somehow set an example to others to

- A. copy suit B. follow suit C. get suit D. take suit 25.

26. Both George Bush and Donald Trump announced, soon after being sworn in, that they would of the Climate Agreements, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement respectively.

- A. drop away B. drop in C. drop out D. drop over 26.

27. Over four years, the Trump administration dismantled major climate policies and more than 100 environmental rules governing clean air, water, wildlife and toxic chemicals.

- A. rolled out B. rolled back C. rolled away D. rolled on 27.

28. Donald Trump often boasts himself for speaking, even though we have to say that he often reads from a teleprompter.

- A. in-the-cuff B. on-the-cuff C. off-the-cuff D. over-the-cuff 28.

29. As to the targets to achieve by 2050, the real problem is that not everybody is doing what they promised they’d do, and some states are not really

- A. following up B. following through C. following at D. following away 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 by D. get in 30.

