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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. This year the presidential elections took place ..... November 5, 2024, and the 45<sup>th</sup> President of the United States will be sworn in as the 47<sup>th</sup> President of the United States ..... January 20, 2025.  
A. at B. by C. in D. on 1. ☐

2. This year, the 2024 swing states, also called ..... states or purple states, were seven. Pennsylvania, in the end, turned out to be the most hotly contested swing state of the race.  
A. red B. blue C. battleground D. safe 2. ☐

3. .... the UK left the European Union in 2020, Brexit is far from over. Today, 55% of people in Great Britain think that it was wrong to leave the European Union, compared with 31% who think it was the right decision.  
A. Despite B. Even though C. In spite D. Although 3. ☐

4. The war in Ukraine would have never happened if I ..... President of the United States.  
A. was B. have been C. had been D. will be 4. ☐

5. If Donald Trump ....., he would re-apply to leave the landmark accord on the climate again, as he did in 2017.  
A. had gotten re-elected B. got re-elected C. gets re-elected D. is getting re-elected 5. ☐

6. This is the second time a woman ..... for President of the US: Hillary Clinton in 2016 and Kamala Harris in 2024.  
A. is running B. has been running C. ran D. has run 6. ☐

7. Keir Starmer ..... the current prime minister of the United Kingdom, replacing Rishi Sunak, after a landslide Labour victory in the July 4, 2024, British general election.  
A. is B. was C. has been being D. has been 7. ☐

8. The more lies are repeated, in politics in particular, over and over again, ..... they become true. Lying in politics is nothing new, but the manner in which some politicians now lie is worrying.  
A. more B. most C. the more D. the most 8. ☐

9. The problem is that couples who pray and dream of having a family ..... denied IVF treatments.  
A. have B. are being C. had D. will have 9. ☐

10. On October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, more than 1,200 men, women and children ..... by Hamas – the largest massacre of Jews since the Holocaust. Girls and women were sexually assaulted. The depravity of Hamas' crimes is almost unspeakable.  
A. have been slaughtered B. slaughtered C. were slaughtered D. were been slaughtered 10. ☐

11. On July 13th, 2024, Donald Trump ..... by Thomas Matthew Crooks, a 20-year-old man from Bethel Park, Pennsylvania, while speaking at an open-air campaign rally near Butler, Pennsylvania.  
A. had shot B. was being shot C. was shot D. was shooting 11. ☐

12. The truth of the matter is that Democrats are used ..... stupid people. They deal with stupid people and they never fire anybody.  
A. deal with B. to deal with C. dealing with D. to dealing with 12. ☐

13. This year, the 2024 swing states, also called ..... states or purple states, were seven. Pennsylvania, in the end, turned out to be the most hotly contested swing state of the race.  
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14. There's a huge disparity in research funding for women's health. And if you ..... to report pain, you might be ignored, even by your own doctors, studies show.  
A. get B. make C. take D. happen 14. ☐

15. Many politicians in the world called Donald Trump to congratulate him ..... his victory.  
A. on                      B. at                      C. with                      D. for                      15. ☐
16. The majority of Americans believe in a woman's right to ..... decisions about her own body. This is why in every state where this issue has been on the ballot, in red and blue states both, the people of America have voted for freedom.  
A. get                      B. do                      C. put                      D. make                      16. ☐
17. China, in all fairness to China, and many other countries have been ..... for years. Enough now!  
A. ripping us out                      B. ripping us off                      C. ripping us away                      D. ripping us up                      17. ☐
18. This year 158 million have ....., out of the 245 million eligible voters.  
A. turned in                      B. turned down                      C. turned out                      D. turned up                      18. ☐
19. Kamala Harris said in the debate with Donald Trump last September that she didn't want the United States to end up having the short end ..... in terms of workers' rights.  
A. of the stick                      B. of the cane                      C. of the club                      D. of the cudgel                      19. ☐
20. Mr President, you have always said that you won the 2020 election, that the election was rigged. Now you say that you lost by a ..... Would you please clarify that?  
A. bit                      B. piece                      C. whisker                      D. smudge                      20. ☐
21. Joe Biden ..... the 2024 race on July 21<sup>st</sup>, endorsing his Vice President Kamala Harris.  
A. dropped out                      B. dropped out of                      C. dropped away                      D. dropped away of                      21. ☐
22. Populist leaders believe that raising your voice ..... . They embrace what is called "the arrogance of ignorance", that is, they don't believe in science, in experts, in intellectualism, and promise change, offering easy solutions.  
A. pays on                      B. pays off                      C. pays up                      D. pays in                      22. ☐
23. Kamala Harris conceded victory to Donald Trump on Wednesday, but she urged the Americans devastated by the result to never ..... She pledged that the Biden administration would engage in a peaceful transfer of power.  
A. give away                      B. give up                      C. give out                      D. give over                      23. ☐
24. We are all wondering whether Ukraine should ..... territory to end the war with Russia.  
A. give up                      B. give in                      C. give over                      D. give out                      24. ☐
25. A few years ago Kamala Harris ..... to be Black. I didn't know that. And I don't care what colour she is.  
A. happened                      B. turned                      C. went                      D. became                      25. ☐
26. You have to be careful because you have people ..... by the millions, and many are people that should not be in this country, and they're going to be stealing your jobs. And you're going to have turmoil.  
A. pouring off                      B. pouring in                      C. pouring over                      D. pouring away                      26. ☐
27. When the vaccine was first rolled out in the UK, Jonathan Van-Tam kept repeating that it was not yet the time to relax, to let ..... and take our foot off the break.  
A. our guard in                      B. our caution down                      C. our guard down                      D. our caution up                      27. ☐
28. We still have votes to count. We will continue overnight to try to ..... that every vote is counted, that every voice has spoken.  
A. take sure                      B. make sure                      C. give sure                      D. go sure                      28. ☐
29. By the way, I got more votes than any Republican in history ..... In fact, I got more votes than any President in history.  
A. at far                      B. way far                      C. by far                      D. off far                      29. ☐
30. Jonathan Van-Tam was extremely cautious when the vaccine came out, and told the British people to ..... a few more months, "until we've got this winter out of the way and we're into the spring".  
A. hang up                      B. hang on                      C. hang out                      D. hang off                      30. ☐