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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. .... a dark and defiant campaign, full of insults, grievances and name calling, Donald Trump managed to win the American presidential election.  
A. Although                      B. Despite                      C. In spite                      D. Nevertheless                      2. ☐
2. Julius Caesar promised he ..... Rome to an ancient glory, but instead constructed himself a throne. This is happening today, too.  
A. will return                      B. would return                      C. will have returned                      D. would have returned                      2. ☐
3. How long ..... to get Roe v. Wade into the states? 52 years? This is unbelievable!  
A. are they trying                      B. do they try                      C. have they been trying                      D. will they try                      3. ☐
4. Noam Chomsky used ..... that the Republican Party is the most dangerous organization in human history: "There has never been an organization in human history that is dedicated, with such commitment, to the destruction of organized human life on Earth".  
A. say                      B. saying                      C. to say                      D. to saying                      4. ☐
5. We are getting used ..... dehumanizing and derogatory language uttered by Trump. He has called Kamala Harris a S--- Vice President, a low-IQ individual, a Marxist. He also said that Joe Biden had become and mentally impaired, she was born that way.  
A. to hear                      B. to hearing                      C. hear                      D. hearing                      5. ☐
6. What Donald Trump was looking for was a ..... victory, that is why he coined the phrase "Too Big to Rig".  
A. great                      B. landslide                      C. big margin                      D. huge                      6. ☐
7. Kamala Harris decided to address the nation from her....., Howard University, in Washington D.C.  
A. alma school                      B. school mater                      C. mater alma                      D. alma mater                      7. ☐
8. The new president of the United States will ..... in a few days. A new era is soon starting.  
A. swear in                      B. be sworn in                      C. be swearing in                      D. swore in                      8. ☐
9. Donald Trump has been promising ..... a long time that he will end the war in Ukraine.  
A. for                      B. since                      C. from                      D. by                      9. ☐
10. Joe Biden said that he remembered ..... that he would not pardon his son Hunter, but he changed his mind last month, and said that there was no sense in delaying it further.  
A. to pledge                      B. pledging                      C. pledge                      D. pledged                      10. ☐
11. Donald Trump promised he ..... swift and sweeping action to fix the border, build the wall and deport millions of illegal and undocumented migrants.  
A. will take                      B. will have taken                      C. would take                      D. would have taken                      11. ☐
12. It is being repeatedly said these days that if Joe Biden ..... of the race sooner, everything would have worked out fine and the Democrats would have won the election.  
A. has dropped out                      B. dropped out                      C. had dropped out                      D. was dropping out                      12. ☐
13. JD Vance ..... Donald Trump. A few years ago, he said he was a morally reprehensible human being.  
A. used to hating                      B. used to hate                      C. used hate                      D. used hating                      13. ☐
14. Donald Trump was very happy to overturn Roe v. Wade, and ..... JD Vance.  
A. so did                      B. so was                      C. so is                      D. so could                      14. ☐

15. The Chief Medical Officer for England never relied on the phrase ‘herd immunity.’ ..... Boris Johnson, who, rather, opted for “a wall of immunity” and “a huge wall of immunity”.  
A. Neither does      B. Neither did      C. Neither is      D. Neither was      15. ☐
16. Donald Trump said, “immigrants are not people. They are animals”. Never ..... such language towards immigrants.  
A. is somebody used      B. has somebody used      C. is somebody using      D. somebody has used      16. ☐
17. Kamala Harris worked ..... in her 107 days, but she failed to separate herself from a really historically unpopular president. She didn’t make clear to the public how she would be different.  
A. lots      B. great      C. hard      D. hardly      17. ☐
18. Donald Trump really pushed .....when he said that immigrants in some states are eating the dogs, the cats, and all the pets of the people who live there.  
A. the topic      B. the envelope      C. limits      D. decency      18. ☐
19. “..... the swamp” was Donald Trump’s slogan in 2016. This year he changed it into “Swamp the vote”.  
A. Get      B. Drain      C. Dry      D. Reclaim      19. ☐
20. Joe Biden ..... a big mistake when he called “garbage” the Republican voters. That is not like him. That was really a gaffe of the current President, who actually never treats Americans who vote against him as enemies.  
A. did      B. made      C. paid      D. got      20. ☐
21. The Americans have spoken. The Americans have ..... their ballots. Trump will be the first former president to return to office in more than 130 years and at the age of 78, the oldest man ever elected to the role.  
A. given      B. made      C. put      D. cast      21. ☐
22. This is a guy who vowed to leave all the major international institutions. He said he wants to leave NATO. Once and for all, are you going to stay in NATO or you’re going to ..... NATO?  
A. take out of      B. make out of      C. pull out of      D. put out of      22. ☐
23. Democrats are trying to ..... why they lost against Donald Trump a second time.  
A. figure in      B. figure out      C. figure up      D. figure on      23. ☐
24. Donald Trump insisted that he never said those words and that Joe Biden had actually .....  
A. made them out      B. made them in      C. made them over      D. made them up      24. ☐
25. This year the highest ..... was in Minnesota, home of the Democratic vice president nominee, Tim Walz.  
A. turn-out      B. turn-in      C. turn-up      D. turn-over      25. ☐
26. We have to face reality now, whether we like it or not. But too many things are being ..... for granted.  
A. given      B. done      C. taken      D. put      26. ☐
27. “..... the Rubicon” is a frequently used phrase, and it means “passing a point of no return”. This is what Julius Caesar did, committing open treachery against the Constitution, state and people.  
A. Overgoing      B. Coming into      C. Going through      D. Crossing      27. ☐
28. The day after the United Kingdom was put under lockdown due to the Covid-19 pandemic, on March 23, 2020, Boris Johnson said, in an official statement, that “Fighting against coronavirus was like fighting in the dark against a callous and invisible enemy, until science helped us to ..... the lights and to gain the upper hand”.  
A. turn up      B. turn on      C. turn down      D. turn over      28. ☐
29. In this last campaign, Trump has used many expletives to refer to Kamala Harris, he..... not only calling her with the S\* word, but also telling her “you are fired, get the hell out of here, you’re fired. She is even worse than Joe Biden, she is worse ‘up here’. She is a threat to democracy, they say I am a threat to democracy, she is a threat to democracy”.  
A. played blue      B. worked blue      C. took blue      D. went blue      29. ☐
30. Donald Trump reiterated the fact that many countries in the world are not keeping their promise, ....., to reduce green gases by 1.5°C, to arrive at net zero by 2050.  
A. this is      B. that is      C. this was      D. that was      30. ☐