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Written test – January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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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. .... the world was living the COVID-19 pandemic, more than 158 million Americans voted in the 2020 presidential election, constituting 67 percent of eligible voters and setting a new turnout record at the time.

- A. Despite                      B. Even though                      C. In spite                      D. Although                      1. ☐

2. Julius Caesar promised he ..... Rome to an ancient glory, but instead constructed himself a throne.

- A. will return                      B. would return                      C. will have returned                      D. would have returned                      2. ☐

3. The new president of the United States will ..... on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

- A. swear in                      B. be sworn in                      C. be swearing in                      D. swore in                      3. ☐

4. Theresa May ..... the British Prime Minister from 2016 to 2019, three very difficult years where she did not manage to get Brexit done.

- A. is                      B. was                      C. has been being                      D. has been                      4. ☐

5. Donald Trump ..... sworn in as the 47<sup>th</sup> President of the United States on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The first thing he did when he took office was to leave the Paris Agreement again.

- A. is                      B. was                      C. has been being                      D. has been                      5. ☐

6. 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                      6. ☐

7. The language that Donald Trump used in his 2016 campaign against Hillary Clinton is ..... these days, as well.

- A. been used                      B. being used                      C. using                      D. be used                      7. ☐

8. 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                      8. ☐

9. 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                      9. ☐

10. It is worth ..... that Donald Trump won 312 electoral votes.

- A. to note                      B. note                      C. noting                      D. to noting                      10. ☐

11. Republican Donald Trump took the sacred oath ..... January 2025 after a decisive victory that sent him back to the White House. He was the 45<sup>th</sup> and is now the 47<sup>th</sup> President of the US.

- A. in                      B. on                      C. at                      D. by                      11. ☐

12. In this election the swing states, also called ....., were seven: Nevada, Arizona, Wisconsin, Michigan, North Carolina, Georgia, and Pennsylvania. Any of these states had the potential to swing to either the Democrats or Republicans.

- A. purple states                      B. black states                      C. orange states                      D. red states                      12. ☐

13. 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                      13. ☐

14. The most important thing was to ..... that Trump reached the magic 270 electoral votes needed to secure the presidency.

- A. take sure                      B. make sure                      C. put sure                      D. give sure                      14. ☐

15. 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                      15. ☐
16. “..... 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                      16. ☐
17. 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                      17. ☐
18. The Americans have spoken. The Americans have ..... their ballots. Trump is 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                      18. ☐
19. 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                      19. ☐
20. You said that if you get re-elected you will have every right to ..... your political opponents, and that you will jail some of them.  
A. go beyond                      B. go behind                      C. go after                      D. go above                      20. ☐
21. I’m very happy that the topic of veterans ..... I have always taken great care of veterans.  
A. came up                      B. came out                      C. came in                      D. came away                      21. ☐
22. 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                      22. ☐
23. In this election the highest ..... was in Minnesota, home of Democrat Tim Walz.  
A. turn-out                      B. turn-in                      C. turn-up                      D. turn-over                      23. ☐
24. 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                      24. ☐
25. Under Article 14 of the Paris Agreement, all 195 signatory countries shall meet every five years to ..... of the collective progress made towards achieving the purpose of this Agreement.  
A. take stock                      B. take step                      C. give stock                      D. give step                      25. ☐
26. We also need to focus on what China is not doing, what Russia is not doing, and what Saudi Arabia is not doing, because the core problem is that these countries are not .....  
A. following off                      B. following through                      C. following up                      D. following by                      24. ☐
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                      25. ☐
28. 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. ☐
29. Jonathan Van-Tam was extremely cautions 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                      29. ☐
30. Mr President, I’d like to drill down on something you both .....: the economy and the cost of living.  
A. brought away                      B. brought up                      C. brought in                      D. brought over                      30. ☐