

## Chapter

# 6

## The Sentence Completion

### Fill in the Blanks with Suitable Words

Sentence Completion questions are designed to test the comprehension ability as well as the knowledge of the meaning of the words required to be filled in. The candidate is asked to select the best of the alternatives given below a sentence.

A word of caution may be put in here for the benefit of the students. Before attempting this section they must go through the preceding chapters in this book that contains plethora of words to guide them in choice of selecting the best of the alternatives.

### Revision Exercise (A)

**Directions :** Four alternatives a, b, c and d are given under each sentence, you are required to select the most suitable alternative to fill in the blank/blanks in the sentence to make it meaningful.

1. The salt spray has gradually ..... the bridge.  
(a) spoilt (b) ravaged  
(c) demolished (d) eroded
2. The volcanic ..... was the cause of great devastation.  
(a) outburst (b) eruption  
(c) erosion (d) movement
3. It was impossible to recover the victims' bodies as the place of the accident was .....  
(a) inaccessible (b) marshy  
(c) distant (d) rocky
4. In order to maintain good health one should eat a ..... diet.  
(a) rich (b) spicy  
(c) balanced (d) salty
5. As a result of ..... many unsuitable candidates were selected for the posts.  
(a) tolerance (b) favouritism  
(c) humility (d) weakness
6. There are several ways of ..... the price at which a product can be marketed.  
(a) arriving (b) thinking  
(c) determining (d) noticing
7. Although they are not rich, they always wear ..... clothes.  
(a) respectful (b) respective  
(c) respectable (d) respected

8. After a recent mild paralytic attack his movements are ..... restricted, otherwise he is still very active.  
(a) entirely (b) nowhere  
(c) not (d) slightly
9. The prisoner was released on ..... for good behaviour.  
(a) probation (b) bail  
(c) parole (d) guarantee
10. Rajeev is too ..... as far as his food habits are concerned.  
(a) enjoyable (b) fastidious  
(c) curious (d) interesting
11. My father keeps all his ..... papers in a lock and key.  
(a) required (b) necessary  
(c) useful (d) confidential
12. I ..... you to keep quiet.  
(a) beg of (b) beg from  
(c) beg (d) beg for
13. The splendour of the Himalayas .....  
(a) beggars description (b) needs no description  
(c) is so charming (d) inspires awe
14. Every candidate has to poll a minimum number of votes in order to avoid ..... of his security.  
(a) penalty (b) cancellation  
(c) forfeiture (d) loss
15. He stood ..... as a rock and faced the challenge.  
(a) quiet (b) strong  
(c) solid (d) firm
16. Having lived a ..... life for forty years he is not able to take any independent decisions.  
(a) happy (b) successful  
(c) safe (d) cloistered
17. The brilliant students will be ..... scholarships.  
(a) honoured (b) awarded  
(c) rewarded (d) forwarded
18. Several of our players were injured so our losing the match was almost .....  
(a) necessary (b) indispensable  
(c) inevitable (d) inexcusable
19. My friend says that he drinks tea because it is the best ..... in the world.  
(a) fluid (b) drink  
(c) beverage (d) liquid
20. Life is to death as pleasure is to .....  
(a) suffering (b) pain  
(c) poverty (d) anguish



## Revision Exercise (B)

1. My mother upset the kettle of boiling water and ..... her right hand badly.  
 (a) wounded (b) sizzled  
 (c) scorched (d) scalded
2. Please do not ..... an offer made by the Chairman.  
 (a) refrain (b) refute  
 (c) refuse (d) refuge
3. The government is confident that the standard of living will begin to ..... again soon.  
 (a) revive (b) lift  
 (c) flourish (d) rise
4. Sharing heavy responsibilities with colleagues does not involve loss of prestige, or ..... of the authority of an institute's Head.  
 (a) deterioration (b) decrease  
 (c) diminution (d) loss
5. The problem of proliferation of nuclear arms is never going to be solved unless the two super powers agree to .....  
 (a) a solution (b) understand each other  
 (c) sit together (d) meet half-way
6. Your case is so unique that I am not getting any ..... to support it.  
 (a) reason (b) help  
 (c) happening (d) precedent
7. Take possession of the records immediately lest they should be ..... with.  
 (a) tampered (b) destroyed  
 (c) manhandled (d) mishandled
8. Let us take him upon his word. I see no room for any ..... in the matter.  
 (a) duplicity (b) deviation  
 (c) cynicism (d) difference
9. The ..... arguments put forth for not disclosing the facts did not impress anybody.  
 (a) intemperate (b) spurious  
 (c) specious (d) convincing
10. Director, he said, would ..... the matter at once.  
 (a) invigilate (b) explore  
 (c) investigate (d) survey
11. Everyone was ..... by surprise when she announced her plan to marry that boy.  
 (a) moved (b) shaken  
 (c) taken (d) prevailed
12. On second reading his poems strike us as singularly ..... of sublime emotions.  
 (a) attributive (b) significative  
 (c) symptomatic (d) evocative
13. It is becoming more and more ..... that the Principal is losing the confidence of his staff.  
 (a) prominent (b) conspicuous  
 (c) manifest (d) apparent

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14. Health is too important to be .....  
 (a) neglected (b) detested  
 (c) despised (d) discarded
  15. Even a ..... glance will reveal the mystery.  
 (a) crude (b) cursory  
 (c) critical (d) curious
  16. Like any other country India has its ..... share of superstitions.  
 (a) peculiar (b) fair  
 (c) proper (d) abundant
  17. Hindus believe that ..... from the cycle of birth and rebirth can be attained only by good deeds.  
 (a) bondage (b) deliverance  
 (c) delivery (d) retirement
  18. It is very ..... to miss one's train by half a minute.  
 (a) annoying (b) exhausting  
 (c) exciting (d) exasperating
  19. The officer was ..... with immediate effect.  
 (a) prosecuted (b) charge-sheeted  
 (c) suspended (d) debarred
  20. For more than a decade now, Indian villages have been ..... to television programmes.  
 (a) accustomed (b) exposed  
 (c) open (d) attracted

### Revision Exercise (C)

1. The pilot was ..... injured, he died within half an hour.  
 (a) seriously (b) fatally  
 (c) fatefully (d) vitally
2. His ..... directions misled us; we did not know which road to take.  
 (a) complex (b) obscure  
 (d) mingled (d) vague
3. He was very friendly with the press and it really ..... him even for what he did not achieve.  
 (a) praised (b) lionised  
 (c) appreciated (d) highlighted
4. The police ..... the mob.  
 (a) scattered (b) disbanded  
 (c) drove (d) dispersed
5. I cannot ..... to know much about it.  
 (a) imagine (b) conceive  
 (c) pretend (d) contemplate
6. We ..... trouble on our borders.  
 (a) comprehend (b) supplement  
 (c) complement (d) apprehend



7. If you drink too much, it will ..... your judgement.  
(a) impede (b) impair  
(c) impose (d) impel
8. The punch made the boxer ..... with pain.  
(a) wince (b) gap  
(c) grumble (d) fumble
9. These essays are intellectually ..... and represent various levels of complexity.  
(a) revealing (b) modern  
(c) superior (d) demanding
10. The soldiers were instructed to ..... restraint and handle the situation peacefully.  
(a) exercise (b) control  
(c) prevent (d) enforce
11. Since one cannot read every book, one should be content with making a ..... selection.  
(a) normal (b) standard  
(c) moderate (d) judicious
12. He is too ..... to be deceived easily.  
(a) strong (b) modern  
(c) intelligent (d) kind
13. There has been a ..... lack of efficiency in all the crucial areas of the working of Public Sector Undertakings.  
(a) positive (b) surprising  
(c) conspicuous (d) stimulative
14. The shepherd was looking after the ..... of sheep.  
(a) crew (b) gang  
(c) fleet (d) flock
15. The Managing Director treated the employees to a ..... lunch at an expensive hotel.  
(a) precious (b) thriving  
(c) stupendous (d) sumptuous
16. Satish was ..... with a natural talent for music.  
(a) given (b) found  
(c) endowed (d) entrusted
17. She always insisted on the need to ..... between ends and means.  
(a) analyse (b) define  
(c) distribute (d) distinguish
18. If greater security measures had been taken the tragedy might have been .....  
(a) removed (b) repeated  
(c) restrained (d) averted
19. The students were asked to ..... the words given in the two columns.  
(a) fill (b) correspond  
(c) match (d) equal
20. We need an unusually gifted person to solve this ..... problem.  
(a) sensitive (b) sensuous  
(c) sensible (d) spurious

## Revision Exercise (D)

1. A politician's speech must be read ..... the lines, it may have a double .....  
(a) behind; edge (b) between; meaning  
(c) among; ends (d) beyond; face
2. Those who live in ..... houses should not throw ..... at others.  
(a) big; abuse (b) own; challenges  
(c) stone; bricks (d) glass; stones
3. I write a letter to you ..... tentatively the dates of the programme.  
(a) involving (b) urging  
(c) guiding (d) indicating
4. Contemporary economic development differs ..... from the Industrial Revolution of the 19th century.  
(a) naturally (b) usually  
(c) literally (d) markedly
5. Ravi had to drop his plan of going to picnic as he had certain ..... to meet during that period.  
(a) preparations (b) observations  
(c) urgencies (d) commitments
6. It was ..... hot that day and the cable suffered the brunt of the heat.  
(a) treacherously (b) acceptably  
(c) unfailingly (d) unbelievably
7. .... eye-witness, the news reporter gave a graphic description of how fire broke out.  
(a) reporting (b) observing  
(c) seeing (d) quoting
8. .... my knowledge, Mr. Ashok has a prejudice ..... foreigners.  
(a) in; for (b) as; towards  
(c) for; at (d) to; against
9. He gave me an additional ..... of Rs. 100 a month by the ..... of the commissioner.  
(a) allowance; permission (b) pay; allowance  
(c) payment; agreement (d) salary; admittance
10. There is no glory in war ..... the blood it .....  
(a) considering; sheds (b) comparing; spills  
(c) worth; costs (d) thinking; demands
11. The Director has ..... me to ..... a speech for him.  
(a) notified; do (b) demanded; prepare  
(c) entrusted; write (d) commissioned; draft
12. I will come tomorrow ..... I hear to the .....  
(a) unless; contrary (b) until; contradictory  
(c) except; oppose (d) despite; otherwise
13. The children are so ..... , their parents are thinking of sending them to a ..... school.  
(a) small; high (b) naughty; neighbouring  
(c) misruled; lodging (d) unruly; boarding



14. Only ..... people are ..... after death.  
 (a) vicious; condemned (b) virile; forgotten  
 (c) virtuous; remembered (d) virulent; glorified
15. The Secretary ..... the society's funds, ..... he was dismissed.  
 (a) robbed; thus (b) pirated; therefore  
 (c) misplaced; and (d) embezzled; therefore
16. His life consists of ..... of drinking punctuated by periods of drunken sleep.  
 (a) barrels (b) bouts  
 (c) bowls (d) pints
17. When the morning ..... the murder was discovered.  
 (a) occured (b) came  
 (c) arrived (d) happened
18. He lives in the world of .....  
 (a) allusions (b) illusions  
 (c) conclusions (d) delusions
19. There was a serious ..... between the two brothers.  
 (a) altieration (b) alteration  
 (c) altercation (d) aberration
20. He lost the match easily becuae he had played a ..... five set match in the earlier round.  
 (a) sensational (b) gruelling  
 (c) wonderful (d) controversial

### Revision Exercise (E)

1. In one election after another, officers have been guilty of serious ..... of duty.  
 (a) dereliction (b) carelessness  
 (c) lapses (d) abandoning
2. Being extremely ..... he examines every detail of the case before forming his opinion.  
 (a) cautious (b) meticulous  
 (c) eccentric (d) suspicious
3. It is very unfortunate that the two communities which were so friendly till recently are now .....  
 (a) unfriendly (b) at daggers drawn  
 (c) hostile (d) unhappy
4. .... by repeated failures he persisted with his research and finally succeeded in isolating the mosquito responsible for carrying malaria.  
 (a) unaffected (b) unmoved  
 (c) uninfluenced (d) undaunted
5. Because of the bitter experiences of the past he ..... everywhere.  
 (a) disbelieves (b) smells a rat  
 (c) sees a danger (d) suspects foul
6. On seeing the police approach, the miscreants .....  
 (a) cooled their heels (b) wore at their heels  
 (c) took to their heels (d) took upon their heels

7. The committee's appeal to the people for money ..... little response.  
(a) evoked (b) provoked  
(c) gained (d) provided
8. Colgate has also got an ambitious aim of ..... an eight per cent value share of the tooth-paste market by the end of the first year.  
(a) keeping (b) distributing  
(c) cornering (d) soliciting
9. He is very ..... on meeting foreigners and befriending them.  
(a) anxious (b) find  
(c) insistent (d) keen
10. If a speech is full of pompous words, it is .....  
(a) verbose (b) bombastic  
(c) grandiose (d) grandiloquent
11. We don't know what ..... him to commit this crime.  
(a) excited (b) roused  
(c) prompted (d) attracted
12. He is like a body without a soul, an eye without light or a flower without .....  
(a) smell (b) fragrance  
(c) petal (d) oclour
13. This is the ..... chosen for the hospital complex to be built next year.  
(a) area (b) locality  
(c) site (d) sight
14. The photographs in the papers bore no ..... at all to the original.  
(a) nearness (b) comparison  
(c) identity (d) resemblance
15. Oh! such a pretty girl. Whom has she ..... ?  
(a) taken after (b) took after  
(c) taken by (d) took by
16. It is difficult to believe what he tells us because his account of any event is always full of ..... of all sorts.  
(a) discrepancies (b) differences  
(c) discretions (d) distinction
17. The country needs a ..... government to tackle the challenges it faces today.  
(a) sustained (b) stable  
(c) stationary (d) stagnant
18. .... an accident the train will arrive in time.  
(a) besides (b) accepting  
(c) despite (d) barring
19. It has now been ..... that fifty-two people died in the crash.  
(a) assured (b) confirmed  
(c) counted (d) ensured
20. A certain sailor was on a voyage in his ship when a ..... arose.  
(a) storm (b) tempest  
(c) gale (d) wave



**Revision Exercise (F)**

1. The Deputy Manager ..... to resign because all his proposals were ..... down by his superiors.  
(a) offered; thrown (b) gave; held  
(c) began; kept (d) willing; knocked  
(e) threatened; turned
2. The counter clerk was very busy and ..... not pay ..... to Sameer's request.  
(a) can; help (b) could; respect  
(c) had; cash (d) did; attention  
(e) certainly; acceptance
3. He was initially ..... at the suggestion but was soon ..... it himself.  
(a) frowning; rejecting (b) shocked; advocating  
(c) impressed; negating (d) thrilled; propagating  
(e) suspicious; trusting
4. Shalini was not ..... by the criticism and paid no ..... even when her best friend talked against her.  
(a) bothered; attention (b) troubled; mind  
(c) threatened; warning (d) deterred; heed
5. She was ..... because all her plan had gone .....  
(a) elated; wild (b) dejected; splendidly  
(c) distraught; awry (d) frustrated; magnificently
6. He preaches liberal views but in practice, he is not ..... and is ..... narrow-minded than almost any other person.  
(a) hard; openly (b) tolerant; more  
(c) ambitious; hardly (d) acceptable; genuinely
7. Shakti is a ..... and he always does what is ..... and fruitful.  
(a) optimist; hopeful (b) pragmatist; practical  
(c) erudite; educative (d) idealist; theoretical
8. The birth of a daughter is no more a/an ..... occasion because education has ..... the people.  
(a) magnificent; liberalised (b) benign; esteemed  
(c) ominous; enlightened (d) propitious; blinded
9. He is always ..... to his uncle because he considers him a ..... fellow.  
(a) disrespectful; venerable (b) respectful; dishonourable  
(c) respectful; venerable (d) impudent; respectable
10. When she explained truthfully all that had happened my ..... were .....  
(a) story; true (b) doubts; dispelled  
(c) doubts; discouraged (d) suspicion; arouse
11. The police was at last able to ..... the ..... of her disappearance from her husband's home.  
(a) reveal; secret (b) expose; mystery  
(c) confirm; doubt (d) solve; mystery



12. The relations between two friends are ever so ..... that a slight misunderstanding can ..... them.  
 (a) tenuous; embitter  
 (b) fragile; cement  
 (c) tanacious; break  
 (d) strong; sweeten
13. Ravi ..... a bit ..... he was not invited by his friend to attend the party.  
 (a) took; before  
 (b) angered; since  
 (c) expressed; than  
 (d) grumbled; when
14. He is ..... to ..... any kind of work with due sincerity.  
 (a) fond; perform  
 (b) reluctant; entrust  
 (c) determined; undertake  
 (d) eager; avoid
15. Children are more ..... than adults, it is ..... their quickness in learning a new language.  
 (a) intelligent; disproved by  
 (b) adaptable; reflected in  
 (c) conservative; seen in  
 (d) susceptible; demonstrated in
16. .... of crops was due to continuous .....  
 (a) destruction; draught  
 (b) ruin; draft  
 (c) failure; drought  
 (d) depreciation; drift
17. Though she is ..... by nature but she does not like that any stranger should ..... on her privacy.  
 (a) salubrious; interfere  
 (b) garrulose; meddle  
 (c) gregarious; intrude  
 (d) lagubrious; lonely
18. The ..... writers still believe in the ..... of grammatical rules.  
 (a) conventional; observance  
 (b) original; observation  
 (c) classical; copying  
 (d) romantic; ignoring
19. She was declared heretic and charged with ..... by ..... court.  
 (a) crime; judicial  
 (b) murder; district  
 (c) blasphemy; ecclasiastical  
 (d) defamation; church
20. She is admired for her ..... and always avoids those who are .....  
 (a) candour; hypocrites  
 (b) plain; hypocrisy  
 (c) optimism; proud  
 (d) strength; weak

### Revision Exercise (G)

1. .... politicians alone can survive in politics where ..... rules the roost.  
 (a) clever; practical  
 (b) wily; treacherous  
 (c) wily; treachery  
 (d) ideal; prestigious
2. I am not ..... about your success because your ..... approach to study is disappointing.  
 (a) despaired; irresolute  
 (b) hopeful; regular  
 (c) optimistic; perfunctory  
 (d) happy; reckless
3. Prabha's ..... in athletics yielded rich ..... as she got a scholarship.  
 (a) performance; money  
 (b) defeat; results  
 (c) behaviour; appreciation  
 (d) excellence; dividends
4. The police ..... any attempt of arson by ..... at the trouble spot quite in time.  
 (a) squashed; surrounding  
 (b) made; encircling  
 (c) pre-empted; arriving  
 (d) thwarted; presenting



5. The war ..... immediately after the cease-fire proposal was ..... bilaterally.  
 (a) receded; exchanged (b) started; prepared  
 (c) ended; accepted (d) extended; mitigated
6. The ..... imposed for non-payment was too ..... for it to bring in improvement in collection.  
 (a) fine; severe (b) toll; simple  
 (c) penalty; low (d) damage; cruel
7. Somesh ..... me coming to his table, he smiled and ..... me a chair.  
 (a) found; signalled (b) met; sat  
 (c) looked; gave (d) saw; offered
8. The leaders were ..... needed by those to ..... they addressed.  
 (a) angrily; who (b) readily; which  
 (c) scarcely; whom (d) rarely; where
9. Neena's plea for ..... fell on deaf ears as her husband was not ..... enough to overlook her minor omission.  
 (a) clemency; gracious (b) mercy; unkind  
 (c) forgiveness; pardonable (d) apology; forgivable
10. The attempt of the robbers was ..... because the travellers showed enough .....  
 (a) foiled; fortitude (b) encouraged; cowardice  
 (c) averted; farsight (d) checked; foresight
11. Now-a-days progress in life depends more on ..... rather than on .....  
 (a) favouritism; ability (b) consideration; capability  
 (c) utility; sincerity (d) pragmatism; ideal
12. The reasons why syllabi are ..... in India because U.G.C. has failed to live upto the ..... of the people.  
 (a) outdated; expectations (b) outmoded; ambition  
 (c) practical; hopes (d) obsolete; desires
13. The Indian Railways have yet to ..... an effective mechanism to avert a series of ..... leading to horrifying tragedy.  
 (a) evolve; lapses (b) develope; mistake  
 (c) improve; omissions (d) contrive; errors
14. I am not ..... to sell you my house unless you offer a more ..... price.  
 (a) conform; true (b) prepared; realistic  
 (c) ready; correct (d) having; actual
15. Due to ..... rainfall this year, there will be ..... cut in water supply.  
 (a) enough; substantial (b) meagre; least  
 (c) sufficient; no (d) surplus; abundant
16. In a changing and ..... unstructured business environment, creativity and innovation are being ..... demanded of executives.  
 (a) excessively; rapidly (b) highly; extremely  
 (c) increasingly; moderately (d) progressively; increasingly



17. We are ..... to have him ..... here to make his function a great success.  
 (a) proud; have (b) happy; arrive  
 (c) sure; come (d) pleased; over
18. If you behave in such a ..... manner, you may ..... the few friends you have.  
 (a) haughty; make (b) haughty; alienate  
 (c) pleasing; lose (d) belligerent; win
19. Wordly persons are motivated by ..... rather than ..... considerations.  
 (a) expediency; ethical (b) prudent; expensive  
 (c) ethical; practical (d) ideal; pragmatist
20. The ..... thinkers are not interested in propagating ..... ideas among the masses.  
 (a) practical; ideal (b) original; hackneyed  
 (c) religious; spiritual (d) secular; political

## Revision Exercise (H)

1. She is ..... and simple in looks though her husband is .....  
 (a) plain; flamboyant (b) garrulous; talkative  
 (c) taciturn; silent (d) credulous; gullible
2. To ..... yourself from ..... wear warm clothes.  
 (a) prohibit; heat (b) protect; cold  
 (c) save; heat (d) suffer; cold
3. We ..... him with many promises, but nothing would ..... him.  
 (a) tempted; influence (b) provoked; move  
 (c) attracted; fascinate (d) gave; deprive
4. In his ....., he followed the ..... course.  
 (a) agony; funny (b) ignorance; wrong  
 (c) hurry; diversified (d) predicament; proper
5. The construction of the hall has been ..... because of the ..... of cement in the market.  
 (a) held; non-availability (b) denied; restrictions  
 (c) hampered; shortage (d) prevented; supply
6. Only when ..... failed, the police restored to .....  
 (a) efforts; power (b) arrests; imprisonment  
 (c) persuasions; force (d) power; punishment
7. The partners broke off as they found each other ..... of ..... breach of promise.  
 (a) faulty; severe (b) responsible; serious  
 (c) guilty; flagrant (d) accused; rigid
8. They wanted to ..... all these books, but they could not find ..... time to do so.  
 (a) cover; almost (b) pursue; necessary  
 (c) dispose; some (d) read; sufficient
9. Though he is reputed for his technical ....., his books were sadly ..... of the work of others as he lacked originality.  
 (a) advice; unconscious (b) skill; independent  
 (c) knowledge; ignorant (d) expertise; derivative



10. He had managed to ..... several times, but was finally ..... by the police.  
 (a) deceive; cheated (b) defend; acquitted  
 (c) escape; arrested (d) cheat; robbed
11. The candidate's ..... at the polls was ..... as he won with a striking margin.  
 (a) claim; unrealistic (b) victory; overwhelming  
 (c) image; real (d) strategy; unsuccessful
12. In ..... of international matters, there is always an element of risk in ..... one might to do.  
 (a) view; whichever (b) many; doing  
 (c) defence; wrong (d) case; whatever
13. We must prevent endangered wild animal species from becoming ..... in order that our future generation may ..... the great diversity of animal life.  
 (a) rare; escape (b) outdated; know  
 (c) extinct; enjoy (d) powerful; protect
14. We cannot ..... such a/an ..... act of violence.  
 (a) tolerate; insipid (b) consider; important  
 (c) commit; magnificent (d) pardon; egregious
15. The secretary ..... the society's funds, ..... he was dismissed.  
 (a) misplaced; soon (b) rolled; thus  
 (c) pirated; therefore (d) misappropriated; so
16. The ..... words of the mother comforted the ..... child.  
 (a) harsh; naughty (b) sweet; happy  
 (c) soft; energetic (d) melodious; playful
17. Moreover, a fact-finding mission ..... by BSN to India in January this year strongly recommended that the French group should go it alone, and not hand over ..... to an Indian partner.  
 (a) constituted; authority (b) organised; papers  
 (c) dispatched; control (d) sponsored; power
18. It is indeed ..... that fifty years after independence, we have failed to ..... a suitable education or examination system.  
 (a) bad; produce (b) improper; create  
 (c) sad; evolve (d) objectionable; present
19. The bandit ..... the traveller of his purse of gold and ..... him grievously.  
 (a) snatched; hurt (b) stole; injured  
 (c) demanded; beat (d) robbed; wounded
20. Santosh looked very happy and ..... when he heard that his proposed scheme was ..... by the committee.  
 (a) energetic; rejected (b) elated; accepted  
 (c) satisfied; stalled (d) disconsolate; approved



## Revision Exercise (I)

1. It is ..... for every tax payer to ..... the tax returns to the Income Tax Department.  
 (a) necessary; lodge (b) binding; pay  
 (c) obligatory; submit (d) possible; remit
2. The ..... of glory lead but to the .....  
 (a) ways; happiness (b) acts; prosperity  
 (c) paths; grave (d) achievements; suffering
3. Cholestrol has long been identified as a silent killer because the patient has no ..... of the danger freely ..... his system.  
 (a) idea; infecting (b) thought; attacks  
 (c) information; invading (d) inkling; traversing
4. Synthetic milk ..... real milk in all ..... except taste and nutritional qualities.  
 (a) resembles; respects (b) exempted; respect  
 (c) copies; manners (d) marks; qualities
5. If we do not take ..... care in our industry, we will have to ..... a grave problem.  
 (a) normal; experience (b) proper; face  
 (c) adequate; catch (d) intensive; aggravate
6. He shifted to his late parents' house not because of the ..... it provided but for purely ..... reasons.  
 (a) convenience; sentimental (b) grace; aesthetic  
 (c) value; monetary (d) comforts; personal
7. Some people have the ..... for learning foreign languages but they have no ..... in speaking.  
 (a) mania; urge (b) aptitude; interest  
 (c) stamina; fondness (d) capacity; ability
8. The increasing revival of dramatic classics is, to one critic, .....; it seems to him a sign of the ..... of the modern theatre.  
 (a) auspicious; resurgence (b) deplorable; anaemia  
 (c) incomprehensible; paradox (d) astounding; vitality
9. We must explore ..... sources of energy as our supply of fossil fuel has been .....  
 (a) alternate; depleted (b) guaranteed; over  
 (c) natural; exhausted (d) sufficient; increased
10. This partly explains how the Mehra family has been able to ..... its lavish life-style in recent times, despite the fact that all its assets have been .....  
 (a) keep up; destroyed (b) develop; liquidated  
 (c) afford; attached (d) keep; removed
11. The activities of the association have ..... from the ..... objectives set for it in the initial years.  
 (a) grown; simple (b) deviated; original  
 (c) details; grand (d) emerged; total



12. Those suffering from glaucoma find that their ..... vision is ..... and that they can no longer see objects not directly in front of them.  
 (a) optical; distorted (b) peripheral; impaired  
 (c) prephrastic; demurred (d) peripatetic; diminished
13. .... the broker had warned him that the stock was a ..... investment, he insisted on buying a thousand shares.  
 (a) because; prudent (b) since; negligible  
 (c) although; precarious (d) as; vulnerable
14. Due to ..... rainfall this year, they had to ..... cut in water supply.  
 (a) scantily; lift (b) heavy; regulate  
 (c) inadequate; impose (d) sufficient; enforce
15. He is so ..... that everyone is always ..... to help in his work.  
 (a) helpful; reluctant (b) aloof; co-operative  
 (c) magnanimous; eager (d) miserly; ignorant
16. Instead of ....., prove your worth by ..... something.  
 (a) begging; demanding (b) talking; doing  
 (c) worrying; paying (d) writing; reading
17. The great scientist ..... himself with ability and moderation all ..... the conference.  
 (a) felt; about (b) displayed; in  
 (c) disclosed; besides (d) conducted; through
18. The speech ..... with subtle threats has resulted in ..... tension in the sensitive areas of the city.  
 (a) started; reduced (b) replete; increased  
 (c) full; escalating (d) forced; dissolving
19. The minister felt that the ..... made by the committee was ..... even though similar schemes had worked earlier.  
 (a) decision; gainful (b) choice; profitable  
 (c) recommendation; infeasible (d) election; acceptable
20. We can ..... to travel by air, but we ..... train journey.  
 (a) plan; enjoy (b) aspire; commute  
 (c) afford; prefer (d) decide; undertook

### Revision Exercise (J)

1. He was so convinced that people were driven by ..... motives that he believed there was no such thing as a purely ..... act.  
 (a) personal; anti-social (b) personal; eternal  
 (c) altruistic; praiseworthy (d) ulterior; selfless
2. Any system is likely to ..... for ..... of support from the public.  
 (a) survive; lack (b) succeed; reason  
 (c) fail; want (d) finish; failure
3. Since we ..... read every book, we ..... only the famous ones.  
 (a) have; sold (b) should; buy  
 (c) cannot; select (d) can; purchase



4. The education minister emphasised the need to discover and ..... each student's ..... talents.  
(a) enlarge; dormant  
(c) develop; intrinsic  
(b) belittle; concealed  
(d) flourish; hidden
5. The mill workers were not ..... with their low wages and non-payment of wages for last three months ..... fuel to the flames.  
(a) good; put  
(c) joyful; poured  
(e) unhappy; meant  
(b) satisfied; added  
(d) pleased; directed
6. He is usually ....., but today he appears rather .....  
(a) strict; unwell  
(c) calm; disturbed  
(b) tense; restless  
(d) happy; humorous
7. The changes made in the system were so ..... that they didn't require any .....  
(a) big; time  
(c) obvious; modifications  
(b) genuine; intelligence  
(d) certain; expertise
8. He was ..... of playing ..... and loose with the sentiments of his dearest friends.  
(a) complained; thick  
(c) innocent; false  
(b) accused; tight  
(d) guilty; fast
9. He granted the request because he was ..... to ..... his friend.  
(a) bound; hurt  
(c) reluctant; disappoint  
(b) destined; agonise  
(d) unwilling; please
10. I would like to ..... your attention to the second paragraph of my letter ..... to the terms of sale of the machinery.  
(a) invite; according  
(c) react; mainly  
(b) withdraw; regarding  
(d) draw; pertaining
11. I don't ..... I shall be ..... to go.  
(a) know; wanting  
(c) think; able  
(b) consider; desirous  
(d) believe; liking
12. After several ..... attempts to ..... the rebels, Army was deployed to rout them.  
(a) successful; control  
(c) futile; control  
(b) abortive; subjugate  
(d) fruitless; down
13. It is pity that masses are often ..... by the ..... arguments of the politicians.  
(a) beguiled; specious  
(c) deluded; illusory  
(b) pleased; false  
(d) deceived; desulting
14. The ..... attitude of the Government in tackling the problem of the Army personnel has made them .....  
(a) haughty; pathetic  
(c) arbitrary; restive  
(b) adamant; afraid  
(d) uncared; restless
15. Every member of the team showered ..... on Arnav for his ..... performance.  
(a) praise; exceptionable  
(c) encomium; exceptional  
(b) appreciation; remarkable  
(d) approval; unique



16. Speaker after speaker ..... the ..... behaviour of the Minister with the Air Hostess.  
(a) blamed; unsuitable (b) censured; unbecoming  
(c) criticised; graceless (d) reproached; unmoral
17. The ..... behaviour of Principal is ..... to callousness towards the bereaved family of the teacher.  
(a) cruel; equal (b) apathetic; tantamount  
(c) heartless; like (d) antipathetic; compared
18. The ..... is the nickname given to any object or place according to its ..... characteristics.  
(a) title; clear (b) sobriquet; unique  
(c) caption; special (d) pseudonym; poetical
19. The ..... to judge the ability of a candidate is ..... laid down by Government.  
(a) criterion; specifically (b) criteria; clearly  
(c) measurement; ably (d) system; specially
20. The oblique ..... implied in her talk wounded the ..... of the family.  
(a) sarcasm; pride (b) meaning; respect  
(c) significance; feelings (d) suspicion; sentiments