

## FILL IN BLANKS

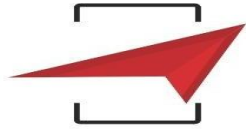
### EXERCISE-1

- Increasing unemployment is one of the most serious and.....problem faced by the entire country:  
(a) dubious (b) profound  
(c) privileged (d) intractable
- Mahmood Gajanvi attacked..... India seventeen times.  
(a) on (b) upon  
(c) over (d) none of these
- I advise that the conference..... postponed.  
(a) is (b) would be  
(c) be (d) will be
- Had I been your mentor, I ..... assisted you.  
(a) will have (b) shall have  
(c) should have (d) would have
- Ramesh spent.....money that his father had given in him.  
(a) a little (b) the little  
(c) little (d) a few
- I am satisfied.....his innocence.  
(a) at (b) with  
(c) for (d) of
- People like to work for organisations that take interest in their personal and.....growth.  
(a) social (b) physical  
(c) financial (d) professional
- Ram, along with the members of the family and that of his friend.....a movie.  
(a) was watching (b) were watching  
(c) have been watching (d) watch
- The manager wanted to meet you .....the theft in the office.  
(a) referring to (b) with regard to  
(c) with reference to (d) in connection with
- I absolutely refuse to put .....with that sort of conduct.  
(a) up (b) on  
(c) off (d) out
- Several items have been left..... from the list.  
(a) behind (b) off  
(c) out (d) within
- I have not paid my school fees.....  
(a) then (b) yet  
(c) already (d) now
- She has.....seen this movie twice.  
(a) already (b) quite  
(c) yet (d) often
- My father has..... returned home from work.  
(a) yet (b) just  
(c) now (d) never
- After the treatment, he was relieved.....the pain.  
(a) from (b) with  
(c) for (d) of
- One of the players forgot to.....  
(a) turn up for practice  
(b) run away from school  
(c) buy shoes for the exam  
(d) bring his books for the match
- Today students should be reconciled.....the way things are changing.  
(a) with (b) to  
(c) for (d) at
- The country's economic growth was adversely .....by political instability.  
(a) reflected (b) effected  
(c) affected (d) expected
- The agenda for the meeting are..... the notice.  
(a) forwarded in (b) subscribed  
(c) enclosed with (d) delivered as
- He was accused of bringing money into the country in..... of foreign exchange rules.  
(a) anticipation (b) compensation  
(c) perpetration (d) violation



## EXERCISE-2

1. your instructions, we have closed your bank account.  
(a) in lieu of (b) with regard to  
(c) in accordance with (d) on account of
2. she is clever, she often makes mistakes.  
(a) despite (b) since  
(c) although (d) yet
3. Do you prefer ..... or traditional art forms?  
(a) archaic (b) contemporary  
(c) foreign (d) simultaneous
4. The farmers.....their farms, if they had known that a thunderstorm was approaching.  
(a) will leave (b) would leave  
(c) will have left (d) would have left
5. The Paralympics is a competition for the.....  
(a) disadvantaged (b) discouraged  
(c) disabled (d) despised
6. He contended that a boycott had been imposed against him and that he had been socially.....  
(a) Vituperated (b) censured  
(c) ostracized (d) lampooned
7. The declaration..... against paternalism and calls for a tight defense against non defense spending.  
(a) inveighs (b) augurs  
(c) divulges (d) disseminates
8. A..... response is one that is made with.....  
(a) stupid, fear (b) speedy, alacrity  
(c) sure, slowness (d) pleasant, surmise
9. ....flattery is known as.....  
(a) indiscriminate, encomium  
(b) servile, adulation  
(c) unasked for, gratitude  
(d) continuous, temerity
10. As the waves rose and the ship tossed, many of the passengers felt.....  
(a) lethargic (b) subdued  
(c) tremulous (d) queasy
11. The aim of education is to.....the best in students.  
(a) bring on (b) bring in  
(c) bring about (d) bring out
12. I know him .....a longtime.  
(a) since (b) for  
(c) before (d) from
13. I wish I..... her to clean the room.  
(a) have asking (b) have asked  
(c) asked (d) had asked
14. He always takes full ..... of the mistakes made by his friends.  
(a) benefit (b) advantage  
(c) profit (d) use
15. He drained what left .....his drink.  
(a) from (b) in  
(c) of (d) off
16. Nadheeka was musing.....memories of the past.  
(a) over (b) about  
(c) on (d) from
17. The lame boy tried to climb up the staircase without .....help.  
(a) little (b) any  
(c) some (d) many
18. Each school has its own set of rules ..... all good pupils should follow them.  
(a) but (b) or  
(c) so (d) and
19. On my return from a long holiday, I had to..... with a lot of work.  
(a) catch on (b) catch up  
(c) make up (d) take up
20. Only one of the boys.....not done the homework given yesterday.  
(a) have (b) has  
(c) can (d) could



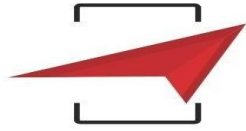
## EXERCISE-3

1. The food that an average Indian eats has been found to be deficient.....vitamins and proteins.  
(a) of (b) from  
(c) with (d) in
2. The patient is..... from stomachache.  
(a) Suffering (b) Experiencing  
(c) Complaining (d) Afflicting
3. A good teacher should ..... responses from the students.  
(a) Elicit (b) Provoke  
(c) Command (d) Infer
4. There will be a rush for seats when the train.....  
(a) will arrive (b) Arrived  
(c) Is arriving (d) Arrives
5. He drove the car very fast.....  
(a) Did he? (b) Does he?  
(c) Didn't he? (d) Was he?
6. The building is not safe and must be.....down.  
(a) pull (b) pulling  
(c) pulled (d) pulls
7. There is something wonderful..... him.  
(a) of (b) about  
(c) for (d) inside
8. The song of the play cannot be deleted as it is ..... to the story.  
(a) intervened (b) innate  
(c) exacting (d) integral
9. She remained a/an..... all her life.  
(a) spinster (b) bachelor  
(c) unmarried (d) single
10. Do not stay in the grasslands after dark, as some animals become.....when they see humans.  
(a) provoked (b) alerted  
(c) aggressive (d) threatened
11. He is too..... to be deceived easily.  
(a) strong (b) modem  
(c) kind (d) honest
12. Ravi's behaviour is worthy of.....by all the youngsters.  
(a) trail (b) emulation  
(c) following (d) exploration
13. The speaker did not properly use the time as he went on.....on one point alone.  
(a) dilating (b) devoting  
(c) deliberation (d) diluting
14. The principal and staff have made.....efforts to enable the students to attend college on the days of the bus strike.  
(a) integrated (b) deliberate  
(c) concerted (d) systematic
15. It was.....that a mind so pure and searching could miss the truth.  
(a) likely (b) unlikely  
(c) possible (d) scarcely
16. The.....were arrested for illegally hunting the tigers.  
(a) Poachers (b) rangers  
(c) soldiers (d) villagers
17. If you had followed the rules, you..... disqualified.  
(a) will not be (b) would not be  
(c) will not have been (d) would not have been
18. Sushma.....the cakes burning and ran to switch off the oven.  
(a) smell (b) smells  
(c) smelt (d) smelling
19. an old legend, Shirham lived in India.  
(a) In the event of (b) Due to  
(c) According to (d) In reference to
20. you leave now, you will be late.  
(a) Until (b) Till  
(c) Unless (d) Although



## EXERCISE- 4

1. You should start at down to reach the station..... time.  
(a) upon (b) by  
(c) in (d) into
2. I am fired.....writing to him.  
(a) with (b) of  
(c) by (d) from
3. He is fond.....reading novels.  
(a) before (b) of  
(c) at (d) in
4. My father gets up everybody.....5 o'clock.  
(a) on (b) at  
(c) from (d) upon
5. Fate smiled .....him in all his ventures.  
(a) at (b) with  
(c) on (d) for
6. Her coming is definite, but about her husband the situation is.....  
(a) regrettable (b) doubtful  
(c) questionable (d) unpredictable
7. We think of a dog as man's best friend. Yet sometimes even the friendliest dog can..... death with its bite.  
(a) confer (b) give  
(c) produce (d) bring
8. I have lost my purse. Can I.....some money from you?  
(a) borrow (b) loan  
(c) hire (d) demand
9. How do you.....to score marks on questions which you have not.....?  
(a) know, seen (b) expect, attempted  
(c) want, asked (d) intend, witnessed
10. I hope you.....mind such a long period between my last letter and.....one.  
(a) shouldn't, any (b) never, the  
(c) might, that (d) wouldn't, this
11. Most of.....the speaker says is easy to ..... but difficult to practise.  
(a) thing, do (b) matter, hear  
(c) what, understand (d) ideas, implement
12. This book is so ..... that it cannot be..... in any of these small shelves in the library.  
(a) big, accommodated (b) think, seen  
(c) precious, found (d) trivial, left
13. I don't.....it's necessary for you to stay..... longer.  
(a) know, for (b) want, even  
(c) feel, more (d) thick, any
14. The idea of a balanced diet is very difficult to ..... to anyone who knows nothing about the food values.  
(a) put through (b) take in  
(c) make over (d) put across
15. Because she had a reputation for ..... we were surprised and pleased when she greeted us so.....  
(a) querulousness, affably (b) insolence, irately  
(c) arrogance, disdainfully (d) insouciance, cordially
16. Just as disloyalty is the mark of the renegade,.....is the mark of the.....  
(a) vanity, flatterer (b) temerity, coward  
(c) avarice, philanthropist (d) cowardice, craven
17. The reasoning in this editorial is so..... that we cannot see how anyone can be deceived by it.  
(a) specious (b) cogent  
(c) astute (d) coherent
18. If you are seeking .....that will resolve all your ailments, you are undertaking an impossible task.  
(a) a precedent (b) a panacea  
(c) an abstraction (d) a contrivance
19. The actor was so.....that the audience became.....  
(a) soporific, drowsy (b) inaudible, elated  
(c) dramatic, affable (d) convincing, moribund
20. He had taken the shocking news quietly, neither.....fate nor uttering any word of bitterness.  
(a) conspiring with (b) submitting to  
(c) railing against (d) mulling over



## EXERCISE- 5

1. Joseph introduced me.....his mother as the best batsman.  
(a) to (b) by  
(c) with (d) of
2. She..... in the crowd because of her height and flaming red hair.  
(a) stood by (b) stood off  
(c) stood up (d) stood out
3. History records seventeen incursions of Sultan Mahmood. ....India.  
(a) against (b) into  
(c) upon (d) on
4. He is being considered..... senior managerial position.  
(a) of (b) to  
(c) for (d) towards
5. It should be the aim of every educated Indian to see that as..... as possible people become literate.  
(a) few (b) most  
(c) many (d) much
6. He ..... for this company since 1972.  
(a) is working (b) had worked  
(c) worked (d) had been working
7. Washing machines ..... popular in India in the last ten years or so.  
(a) became (b) are become  
(c) have become (d) are becoming
8. He succeeded in getting possession ..... his land after a long court case.  
(a) for (b) to  
(c) of (d) with
9. Prabha's..... in athletics yielded rich..... as she got a scholarship.  
(a) performance, money  
(b) defeat, results  
(c) behaviour, appreciation  
(d) excellence, dividends
10. 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
11. In.....of international matters, there is always an element of risk in.....  
(a) view, whichever (b) many, doing  
(c) defence, wrong (d) case, whatever
12. Moreover, a fact-finding mission. .... by BSN to India in January this year strongly recommended that the French group should do it alone, and not hand over to.....an Indian partner.  
(a) constituted, authority (b) organised papers  
(c) dispatched, control (d) sponsored, power
13. Many women in the developing countries experience a cycle of poor health that ..... before they are born and persists through adulthood passing from generation to generation.  
(a) derives (b) establishes  
(c) begins (d) originates
14. He didn't have the..... idea of the villagers' problems.  
(a) smallest (b) finest  
(c) faintest (d) feeblest
15. Everyone should.....himself against illness since medical care has now become expensive.  
(a) vaccinate (b) insure  
(c) brace (d) ensure
16. These essays are intellectually ..... and represent various levels of complexity.  
(a) revealing (b) modern  
(c) superior (d) demanding
17. His interest in the study of human behaviour is indeed very.....  
(a) strong (b) large  
(c) broad (d) deep
18. I will be leaving for Delhi tonight and ..... to return by this weekend.  
(a) waiting (b) plan  
(c) going (d) likely
19. You need ..... shoes for walking in the hills.  
(a) good (b) comfortable  
(c) satisfactory (d) sturdy
20. Authority .....when it is not supported by the moral purity of its user.  
(a) waits (b) crumbles  
(c) empowers (d) prevails



## ANSWERS

### EXERCISE-1

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|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1. (d) | 6. (b)  | 11. (c) | 16. (a) |
| 2. (d) | 7. (d)  | 12. (b) | 17. (a) |
| 3. (c) | 8. (a)  | 13. (a) | 18. (c) |
| 4. (d) | 9. (d)  | 14. (b) | 19. (c) |
| 5. (b) | 10. (a) | 15. (a) | 20. (d) |

### EXERCISE-2

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|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1. (c) | 6. (c)  | 11. (d) | 16. (c) |
| 2. (c) | 7. (a)  | 12. (d) | 17. (b) |
| 3. (b) | 8. (c)  | 13. (d) | 18. (d) |
| 4. (d) | 9. (b)  | 14. (b) | 19. (b) |
| 5. (c) | 10. (d) | 15. (b) | 20. (b) |

### EXERCISE-3

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|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1. (d) | 6. (c)  | 11. (a) | 16. (a) |
| 2. (a) | 7. (b)  | 12. (c) | 17. (d) |
| 3. (a) | 8. (d)  | 13. (a) | 18. (c) |
| 4. (d) | 9. (a)  | 14. (c) | 19. (c) |
| 5. (c) | 10. (c) | 15. (b) | 20. (c) |

### EXERCISE-4

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|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1. (c) | 6. (b)  | 11. (b) | 16. (d) |
| 2. (a) | 7. (d)  | 12. (a) | 17. (d) |
| 3. (b) | 8. (a)  | 13. (d) | 18. (b) |
| 4. (b) | 9. (b)  | 14. (a) | 19. (a) |
| 5. (c) | 10. (d) | 15. (d) | 20. (b) |

### EXERCISE-5

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|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| 1. (a) | 5. (c) | 9. (d)  | 13. (d) |
| 2. (b) | 6. (d) | 10. (d) | 14. (c) |
| 3. (b) | 7. (c) | 11. (d) | 15. (b) |
| 4. (c) | 8. (c) | 12. (c) | 16. (a) |
|        |        | 17. (d) | 19. (b) |
|        |        | 18. (b) | 20. (b) |

### EXERCISE-11

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|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1. (b) | 6. (a)  | 11. (c) | 16. (d) |
| 2. (a) | 7. (b)  | 12. (b) | 17. (d) |
| 3. (c) | 8. (b)  | 13. (a) | 18. (b) |
| 4. (c) | 9. (d)  | 14. (c) | 19. (a) |
| 5. (d) | 10. (b) | 15. (c) | 20. (d) |

### EXERCISE-12

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|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1. (a) | 6. (d)  | 11. (c) | 16. (c) |
| 2. (b) | 7. (b)  | 12. (c) | 17. (b) |
| 3. (c) | 8. (a)  | 13. (b) | 18. (d) |
| 4. (b) | 9. (d)  | 14. (d) | 19. (a) |
| 5. (a) | 10. (c) | 15. (b) | 20. (a) |

### EXERCISE-13

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| 1. (c) | 6. (b)  | 11. (b) | 16. (c) |
| 2. (b) | 7. (a)  | 12. (c) | 17. (d) |
| 3. (c) | 8. (a)  | 13. (c) | 18. (b) |
| 4. (a) | 9. (d)  | 14. (a) | 19. (c) |
| 5. (c) | 10. (b) | 15. (a) | 20. (a) |