Choose one correct answer.

1. I'm sorry to ..... you, but I do need to have a word with you now.
   a) mess b) prevent c) bother d) occupy
2. Let's hurry up. We don't have much time to ..... .
   a) exhaust b) spare c) utilise d) handle
3. I advise you to ..... advantage of this unusual opportunity.
   a) take b) use c) catch d) reach
4: Sara ..... her best at the exam, but she failed it, anyway.
   a) went b) did c) made d) attempted
5. It's good to ..... close attention to what your teachers say.
   a) keep b) admit c) hear d) pay
6. That tall man ..... me of my grandfather. He's quite like him.
   a) remembers b) recollects c) reminds c) memorises
7. The soldiers were ..... to run with complete field equipment for three hours.
   a) ordered b) ruled c) arranged d) supervised
8. Dinner's ready. The table has already been ..... .
   a) lain b) lied c) laid d) lay
9. After the accident, John can ..... move his right leg. He uses crutches.
   a) almost b) hardly c) no d) shortly
10. You have missed ten lessons. Somehow, you will have to ..... up for it.
    a) do b) catch c) work d) make
11. Gary Bricks has been arrested because he's been accused of ..... a crime.
    a) participating b) committing c) fulfilling d) acting
12. If I don't ..... to repair the carburettor, you will have to call a specialist.
    a) perform b) handle c) achieve d) manage
13. Some more talks will be needed to ..... an agreement in this difficult case.
    a) receive b) deal c) reach d) arise
14. Let's take on someone else. A girl will not be ..... of carrying such heavy gear.
    a) capable b) fit c) suitable d) able
15. 'How many points do I need to ..... to qualify?' 'At least one hundred.'
    a) master b) result c) score d) succeed
16. Peter is a young worker. He still ..... practical knowledge.
    a) fails b) lacks c) avoids d) abandons
17. Could I ..... your attention to one relevant factor?
    a) draw b) catch c) absorb d) influence
18. Uncle Joe, my father's brother, ... a living as a chimney sweeper.
    a) works b) does c) runs d) makes
19. It was my mother who ..... me to take part in the competition.
    a) insisted b) persuaded c) pleased d) made

20. The brave man who rescued the drowning child certainly ..... an award.
a) deserves b) gains c) desires d) calls
21. Most of our students are given well-paid jobs after they ..... from the school.
a) complete b) graduate c) end d) promote
22. I said we could ask for a bigger loan and nobody ..... to the idea.
a) minded b) refused c) objected d) denied
23. Mark's a real daredevil. He's got a ..... of adventure.
a) sense b) smell c) fondness d) feeling
24. Are you trying to say that I was ..... of the accident?
a) blamed b) faulty c) guilty d) wrong
25. Jeff, we'd like you to ..... part in the anniversary celebrations tomorrow.
a) play b) take c) do d) attend
26. What you say ..... quite interesting, but how will I know that it's true?
a) hears b) sounds c) voices d) expresses
27. Our grandmother is leaving at six. We are ..... her off to the station.
a) coming b) going c) looking d) seeing
28. I was ..... to start sailing when the storm broke out.
a) just b) round c) near d) about
29. The motorcyclist swerved to the left to ..... crashing against the lorry.
a) abandon b) refuse c) avoid d) resist
30. I'm looking forward to meeting Jane. It's years ..... we last saw each other.
a) since b) until c) before d) during
31. I can never remember people's names. I don't have ..... for them.
a) thought b) brain c) mind d) memory
32. We received strict upbringing. We were not ..... to leave home after eight.
a) permissible b) allowed c) let d) legal
33. Simon doesn't know much about our troubles. He's not ..... with them.
a) familiar b) knowing c) instructed d) knowledgeable
34. Eva likes to wear trendy clothes. She's quite keen on ..... the latest fashion.
a) speeding b) running c) following d) catching
35. I walk whenever I can. I can't ..... commuting on crowded buses.
a) like b) stand c) care d) remain
36. The task wasn't that bad. We ..... it quite easy to complete.
a) managed b) looked c) checked d) found
37. That's a great opportunity. I'd ..... for the job if I were you.
a) inquire b) apply c) demand d) appeal
38. Turn the radio down. Don't you know loud music ..... me crazy?
a) drives b) rides c) runs d) moves
39. I never remember forms of the irregular verbs: I can't even learn them by ..... .
a) eyes b) brain c) heart d) tongue
40. Jack loves to read magazines before ..... asleep.
a) falling b) going c) diving d) turning
41. Doctor Hope is on sick leave. Doctor Bream is ..... up for him this month.
a) acting b) putting c) coming d) standing

42. Dozens of small retailers have ..... bankrupt due to the invasion of supermarkets.
a) lain b) gone c) passed d) taken
43. Willie, could I have a ..... with you after the lecture? It's important.
a) sentence b) speech c) statement d) word
44. The film ..... out to be a great success despite being a low-budget production.
a) appeared b) brought c) turned d) seemed
45. I will tell you what I know provided you keep it ..... .
a) mystery b) silence c) private d) secret
46. We expect our employees to ..... their duties with passion.
a) operate b) fulfil c) lead d) act
47. Al says he didn't intend to hurt me, but I'm sure he hit me ..... purpose.
a) with b) at c) on d) to
48. If Mr Hoskins hadn't ..... us a lift, we'd have missed our plane to Boston.
a) given b) driven c) picked d) made
49. Joe and Mary Grant, I remember them. It was love at first ..... .
a) vision b) seeing c) look d) sight
50. Dave is planning to leave his family home after he has ..... of age.
a) gone b) run c) come d) entered
51. You must hurry up. Time's ..... out and the scheme is not ready yet.
a) running b) missing c) leaving d) rushing
52. Where did the last battle of the campaign ..... place? Was it in Stalingrad?
a) have b) occupy c) take d) find
53. In ..... of cold weather, I'd like you to put on your winter cap and warm socks.
a) event b) case c) situation d) risk
54. Bills ought to be ..... in time to avoid penalty payment.
a) returned b) owed c) spent d) settled
55. There's not much ..... between John and Paul even though they're twins.
a) likelihood b) proximity c) alike d) similarity
56. It's no ..... telling her about our problems. She will not help us.
a) use b) necessity c) reason d) point
57. Young people should ..... up sport rather than spend hours in front of TV.
a) get b) train c) take d) play
58. I'm sorry I can't lend you a hundred. I don't have so much money ..... me.
a) at b) on c) of d) over
59. Does it make much ..... to you if I paint the railings yellow?
a) variety b) difference c) alternative d) distinction
60. He tells everyone that he is a foreign tourist, but as a ..... of fact he is a spy.
a) matter b) thing c) factor d) case
61. Our situation was bad at the start, but now things are beginning to ..... up.
a) see b) stare c) look d) watch
62. The Queen has been invited to ..... a visit to our country next year.
a) spend b) pay c) arrive d) enter
63. After the tornado, many people moved to areas where no ..... disasters occur.
a) nature b) naturalistic c) natural d) native

64. On ..... , thirty illegal immigrants are captured by the officers each night.
a) medium b) standard c) middle d) average

65. I find interviews exhausting. I don't ..... of being asked too many questions at a time.
a) tolerate b) bear c) approve d) prefer

66. Flats are much cheaper here in ..... with those in the city centre.
a) comparison b) similarity c) confrontation d) difference

67. Early in the morning, my wife ..... birth to a wonderful baby boy.
a) gave b) put c) had d) delivered

68. Jason's in despair. Another company has ..... down his job application.
a) taken b) touched c) turned d) thrown

69. Will you do me a ..... , please? Will you help me carry these suitcases?
a) kindness b) favour c) charity d) service

70. This generous donation has ..... our centre to buy modern sports equipment.
a) enabled b) managed c) achieved d) effected

71. You don't ..... much importance to quality, which is a big mistake.
a) connect b) join c) attach d) fasten

72. Mr Harris is our main supplier. He ..... us with everything we need.
a) transports b) hands c) provides d) delivers

73. During their stay on the island, the visitors have to ..... without the conveniences of everyday life.
a) make b) put c) hold d) do

74. What's the speech about? I can't somehow make ..... of what is being said.
a) sense b) knowledge c) meaning d) awareness

75. It's going to be a ..... date. I know nothing about the girl I am meeting tonight.
a) black b) dark c) blind d) shadow

76. The man who ..... this building on fire is still being looked for by the police.
a) fixed b) set c) let d) turned

77. Vagabonds are said to ..... their lives free of any stresses.
a) carry b) survive c) pass d) live

78. We were ..... by surprise to hear that Tom and Betty were getting divorced.
a) found b) brought c) taken d) reached

79. You and Andy were the best friends at school. Do you still ..... in touch?
a) stand b) keep c) go d) put

80. I got really scared when the car in front started ..... on the slippery road.
a) skipping b) skating c) skidding d) skimming

81. Mrs Francis is an ideal baby sitter. Our kids ..... to her immediately.
a) took b) preferred c) favoured d) attracted

82. This is a very difficult question. I haven't got a ..... how to answer it.
a) point b) solution c) notion d) clue

83. After only three months of studying, our son ..... out of university.
a) dropped b) failed c) left d) retired

84. I need to talk to Lisa. If you ..... to see her, tell her to give me a ring, please.
a) occur b) happen c) experience d) undergo

85. It's reported that the dangerous criminal is still at ..... .
a) huge b) space c) large d) width

86. As ..... as I know, babies should sleep at least sixteen hours a day.
a) far b) near c) away d) close

87. How much time does it usually ..... you to iron a shirt like this?
a) need b) last c) spend d) take

88. I loved that light green jacket, but it was the exorbitant price that ..... me off.
a) rode b) put c) walked d) carried

89. Why don't you just say you ..... calling him a fool and make things up?
a) pity b) regret c) mercy d) sorry

90. It ..... to me that we're in for an emergency situation.
a) appears b) views c) observes d) perceives

91. Joe and Jim are identical twins. Only their parents can ..... them apart.
a) guess b) decide c) tell d) say

92. Next Saturday, I'm doing my room up. Will you ..... a hand, George?
a) borrow b) offer c) lend d) provide

93. Don't look at me so suspiciously. I have nothing to ..... with the mess.
a) matter b) do c) relate d) connect

94. Last year torrential rains ..... in a huge devastation of crops.
a) caused b) provoked c) led d) resulted

95. ..... getting off the train, we realised we had missed our destination.
a) With b) At c) On d) In

96. What he loves is fresh air activities. He takes ..... in climbing, for example.
a) pleasure b) amusement c) entertainment d) good time

97. 'Many happy ..... of your birthday, Linda.' 'Thanks a lot to all of you.'
a) comebacks b) returns c) repetitions d) replays

98. Though he learned hard, Mickey wasn't ..... in passing the maths exam.
a) lucky b) fortunate c) successful d) victorious

99. This is the third time you have forgotten about your homework. How are you going to ..... for this?
a) account b) explain c) respond d) excuse

100. Only considerable lottery winnings could help make my dreams come .....
a) truth b) real c) true d) possible

101. You won't see many of these birds around. They are quite ..... here.
a) seldom b) sporadic c) infrequent d) rare

102. For ..... of wasting the money, I preferred to put it in my bank account.
a) risk b) fear c) danger d) worry

103. We didn't have to pay for the food and drinks we had. It was all on the .....
a) house b) residence c) cottage d) home

104. You are sure to meet some more French speaking people here. They are in .....
a) large b) majority c) vastness d) priority

105. Michael can help you remove the leaking pipe. He is ..... at this kind of w
a) familiar b) skilled c) knowledgeable d) capable

106. Once, I .... a risk of betting a lump sum of money on a horse. Later, I wished I hadn't.
a) took b) went c) played d) did

107. Why don't you ..... in for the managerial post? You would make a perfect candidate.
a) apply b) ask c) run d) put

108. Soon before his death, Mr Rowan ..... seriously ill.
a) dropped b) came c) fell d) set

109. ... . how little progress he made, the boy wouldn't give in.
a) As b) No matter c) Should d) Despite

110. This type of a fighter plane was given little testing before going to battle, but after so many years of having been in use there's no denying that it has ..... the test of time.
a) stood b) lasted c) resisted d) undergone

111. You can't ..... so much responsibility on one person. She must be given some assistance.
a) lay b) draw c) attach d) install

112. ..... in mind that these pills must be taken regularly if they are to be effective.
a) Store b) Bear c) Remember d) Carry

113. I won't let anybody drive my brand new car. It is out of the ..... .
a) possibility b) mind c) question d) chance

114. Have you heard Mark and Jane are ..... a party on Saturday? Are you coming?
a) blowing b) launching c) blasting d) firing

115. I don't know what it ..... to be as popular with girls as my brother is.
a) takes b) uses c) demands d) expects

116. You must shout, otherwise he won't hear you. He's ..... of hearing.
a) short b) lack c) deaf d) hard

117. First, he said he was going to help us out and then he ..... his promise. We'll never ask him again.
a) stood up to b) played down on c) made up for d) went back on

118. Adam says the stereo set that he's bought doesn't ..... his expectations.,
a) deliver b) meet c) supply d) receive

119. Surprisingly, the doctor said he wasn't ..... of helping us in this case.
a) suitable b) experienced c) useful d) capable

120. Potatoes make a ..... diet in Poland.
a) standing b) stable c) staple d) standard

121. Don't be so stubborn. Your obstinacy may only ..... to further trouble.
a) lead b) cause c) result d) direct

122. Algebra isn't my strong point. I haven't got the ..... idea how to solve the problem.
a) faintest b) weakest c) smallest d) slightest

123. You're right. Betty and Sara look alike. You can easily ..... one for the other.
a) differentiate b) exchange c) mistake d) vary

124. The Welders' both sons are away from home. They are ..... the military service.
a) attending b) doing c) serving d) making

125. Tim is mute, but he can communicate with other children by ..... of gestures.
a) means b) way c) manner d) process

126. 'Do you know who this small shop is ..... by?' 'Of course. My father is the own
a) performed b) run c) functioned d) worked

127. Many people are ..... to gambling. They spend lots of time and money in casi
a) dependent b) obsessed c) absorbed d) addicted

128. Dave likes ..... up stories. You shouldn't believe everything he tells you.
a) putting b) staging c) making d) saying

129. My eye is aching. There may be a(n) ..... body inside.
a) foreign b) strange c) different d) alien

130. An award will be granted to those who will ..... out a neat solution to the prob
a) fix b) work c) create d) design

131. I'm staying at home spending my time in bed. I haven't ..... from flu yet.
a) cured b) treated c) recovered d) improved

132. Don't forget to ..... a line from time to time. We do want to know how you're doing.
a) drop b) fire c) lay d) throw

133. 'What shall we do now?' 'I don't know. It's ..... to you to decide.'
a) on b) along c) up d) out

134. This handwriting is hard to read. It's rather ..... .
a) indelible b) eligible c) illegible d) inedible

135. The scouts had to ..... camp when it appeared they had put their tents up o private field.
a) complete b) break c) cease d) end

136. Before going sailing, take into ..... current weather conditions.
a) thinking b) concern c) reason d) consider

137. I've told you a thousand times not to ..... the door because you keep wakir up.
a) slap b) snap c) slam d) smash

138. I did a wrong thing by not ..... your advice. Now I wish I had listened to yo
a) following b) chasing c) pursuing d) practisi

139. Soldiers are supposed to ..... out their superiors' orders.
a) carry b) bring c) obey d) realise

140. How about staying at home? I don't ..... like going for a walk on such a ch
a) love b) feel c) approve d) fancy

141. What are they doing up there? This noise is really hard to ..... .
a) make up to b) keep in with c) do away with d) put up

142. Your boat will not be of much use. This piece of land is only ..... by air.
a) obtainable b) accessible c) admissible d) availa

143. I'm sorry we don't have any ice to put in the drink. Can you ..... do witho
a) make b) go c) put d) come

144. Mark wasn't my favourite type. He would always find ..... with everythin
a) wrong b) blame c) fault d) error

145. I'm not in the ..... of eating an early breakfast. I take it later.
a) custom b) routine c) habit d) addic

146. Louis Pasteur's discovery of a vaccine against rabies was a major ..... research.
a) breakout b) breakdown c) breakaway d) breal

147. Julia is quite vain. She likes being ..... compliments on her looks.
a) paid b) served c) offered d) preached

148. I know my chances are low, but I will make ..... at performing the task anyway.
a) a go b) a probation c) an attempt d) an opportunity

149. On no ..... may this red button be pressed. It activates the nuclear head.
a) account b) permission c) right d) approval

150. Not only was the man ..... with a murder, he was also accused of numerous rapes.
a) accused b) charged c) penalised d) blamed

151. It's not a bad diet that causes your insomnia, I'd rather ..... it down to your stressful lifestyle.
a) have b) think c) put d) place

152. Tom was really hungry. No wonder the cakes on display made his ..... water.
a) throat b) mouth c) tongue d) teeth

153. Only Mr James didn't ..... kindly to the manager's remarks. He responded angrily.
a) feel b) accept c) see d) take

154. I love staying in old houses. I like the sound of ..... floorboards especially.
a) croaking b) crumbling c) creaking d) cracking

155. The iron has been out of order for two months now. When are you going to ..... to it, Tom?
a) see b) watch c) look d) observe

156. Noah says he doesn't see the ..... of asking other students to give their opinions.
a) case b) right c) usage d) point

157. By prophylactic injections, many local inhabitants were ..... from getting the deadly infection.
a) prevented b) dismissed c) obstructed d) resisted

158. Tell us what has happened. ..... the news, will you?
a) Break b) Crack c) Burst d) Split

159. Our grandmother wakes up very early. She says she ..... delight in watching the sun rise.
a) gains b) likes c) takes d) obtains

160. There is nothing to do on a rainy afternoon like this. We're all ..... bored.
a) tight b) firm c) acute d) stiff

161. I can ..... a blind eye on one or two spelling mistakes in the test, but I won't tolerate any grammar ones.
a) put b) turn c) wink d) switch

162. The minister has promised that the recent changes in tax law will not ..... common citizens.
a) affect b) imply c) engage d) relate

163. 'This is my first photo-book. I thought I had lost it. Where did you find it?' 'I ..... it in the cellar while I was doing some cleaning.'
a) brought about b) went by c) came across d) saw round

164. I will lend you my credit card so that you can ..... some money from my account.
a) withdraw b) withhold c) withstand d) wither

165. When the kidnappers get caught, they will certainly ..... trial for their misdeeds.
a) sit b) pose c) rise d) stand

166. The actress admitted she ..... her immense success to her former husband.
a) owned b) vowed c) owed d) wowed

167. It's silly to waste all your money. You should always keep something for a c
a) rainy b) foggy c) cloudy d) misty

168. As a manager, Linda knows how to ..... a good pattern for her subordinates.
a) exhibit b) set c) launch d) guide

169. You'll be ..... to ridicule if you keep telling people that you're an alien.
a) topic b) theme c) matter d) subject

170. Our working time is up. Now, we can ..... it a day.
a) call b) name c) say d) declare

171. Could you tell me what your ..... towards polygamy is?
a) judgement b) outlook c) attitude d) conclusion

172. I told Jenny she was wrong, but she didn't take any ..... of what I said.
a) attention b) regard c) interest d) notice

173. Medical research and discoveries enable doctors to ..... many diseases.
a) treat b) heal c) recover d) mend

174. Honestly speaking, I'm rather ..... to inviting the Greys. I don't like them.
a) objectionable b) opposed c) contradictory d) resistant

175. Your theory sounds interesting, but is it possible to put it into ..... ?
a) function b) performance c) duty d) practice

176. We'd rather you ..... of these explosives quickly. They are dangerous.
a) disposed b) dispatched c) dissolved d) dismissed

177. Do you think our team ..... a chance of beating Manchester United?
a) run b) stand c) play d) sit

178. Problems with the spine are quite ..... among people working in upright p
a) familiar b) routine c) common d) average

179. You never tell us what you think. What's wrong with ..... your opinions?
a) dealing b) partaking c) sharing d) dividing

180. She simply doesn't like anyone of us. That's why she will keep ..... us d
a) running b) finding c) viewing d) walking

181. The minister's refusal to answer the journalists' questions was nothing ..... ignorance.
a) little b) near c) short d) less

182. Without ..... , it was your brother who I saw kissing Mary in the park.
a) hesitation b) uncertainty c) guess d) doubt

183. It's easy to ..... children just by letting them do whatever they want to.
a) spoil b) destroy c) damage d) ruin

184. 'I can't understand Adam's way of thinking.' 'I don't ..... much of it, eith
a) form b) make c) gain d) do

185. Our boss' innovative ideas usually ..... us a great deal of trouble.
a) contribute b) create c) cause d) provide

186. Don't be afraid to say what you think. Speak your ..... freely.
a) brain b) thoughts c) mind d) head

187. Mr Wards is our most experienced employee. He is really ..... about th processes you're asking about.
a) wise b) informed c) educated d) knowle

188. How much time will be needed for the task to be ..... by 1 January?
a) reached b) completed c) ceased d) achieved

189. I don't think this young woman will make a good manager. In my opinion, she still ..... experience and know-how.
a) lacks b) misses c) fails d) avoids

190. As a fully-fledged member of the society, you're expected to ..... law.
a) watch b) notice c) perceive d) observe

191. Unfortunately, more workers have been made redundant than ..... on this year.
a) put b) brought c) taken d) settled

192. Lots of people find it hard to make ..... meet even though they have regular jobs.
a) edges b) points c) ends d) tails

193. The man who made this sensational discovery wouldn't give his name. It will forever ..... unknown.
a) remain b) retain c) restrain d) refrain

194. Suddenly, the baby fainted and she only came ..... after a few minutes.
a) round b) about c) in d) through

195. A glass of red wine would be more ..... with a steak to a glass of cognac, sir.
a) favourable b) appropriate c) suitable d) preferable

196. Ralph knows how to ..... excuses, but I'm not going to accept them any longer.
a) design b) invent c) originate d) furnish

197. It seems to me the government don't know how to ..... the problem of rising unemployment.
a) handle b) cope c) succeed d) deal

198. I didn't know Stanley was in hospital. What is he being ..... for?
a) improved b) rehabilitated c) treated d) recovered

199. There are hopes that the peace talks will produce the desired ..... .
a) outcome b) outline c) outfit d) outlet

200. In ..... of her charitable activity Mrs Clark has been awarded by the President himself.
a) appreciation b) recognition c) gratitude d) respect

201. Don't ask me what's happened. I'm rather ..... of the facts.
a) unacquainted b) inexperienced c) ignorant d) negligible

202. Jim is very kind-hearted. He never refuses to do a good ..... to anyone.
a) turn b) aid c) duty d) benefit

203. Can one believe in what this man says? Is he a reliable ..... of information?
a) resource b) stock c) source d) supply

204. My old shoes have worn ..... . I need to buy a new pair badly.
a) down b) out c) off d) away

205. Frank had pretended to be a daredevil, but he was the first to get cold ..... as soon as we went down the cellar.
a) feet b) toes c) heels d) soles

206. You look exhausted. A few days off would ..... you good.
a) make b) fit c) work d) do

207. I'm not sure about the Gordons. They must be some ..... relatives from my father's side.
a) distant b) far c) away d) abroad

208. It would be advisable for you to listen to what your counsellor says. He's got a lot of common ..... .
a) knowledge b) reason c) sense d) intelligence

209. Quite frankly, I knew nothing about the strike. It all happened behind my ..... .
a) back b) eyes c) shoulders d) neck

210. Peter can run much faster than me. I can never keep ..... with him.
a) speed b) tempo c) steps d) pace

211. We do need to hurry up. We're ..... for time.
a) rushed b) squeezed c) pressed d) forced

212. It won't do much ..... to any of you if you wait for your test results a bit longer.
a) pain b) harm c) distress d) loss

213. Could one draw reasonable conclusions on the ..... of the man's testimony?
a) basis b) line c) bottom d) foundation

214. It's been reported that a bomb had ..... off on board of the plane before it crashed
a) taken b) set c) broken d) gone

215. Chris is the best when it ..... to entertaining guests.
a) goes b) runs c) comes d) falls

216. This structure is rather fragile. It's ..... to collapse as soon as a heavy wind blows
a) assured b) bound c) right d) confident

217. I'd rather you ..... from criticising my friends whenever they are around.
a) avoided b) ceased c) refrained d) excluded

218. The desperate defenders were on the ..... of surrendering when their allies arriv with support.
a) point b) stage c) moment d) attitude

219. Men and women are said to be ..... of understanding each other fully.
a) unfeasible b) incapable c) inadequate d) unable

220. Everyone knows about the Browns' financial problems even though they go to great lengths to keep up ..... .
a) looks b) manners c) impressions d) appearances

221. I can tell how hard it is after losing the beloved person. I ..... an experience like that two years ago.
a) underwent b) underplayed c) undertook d) underlined

222. Heavy winds never stop blowing in this part of Ireland, so it's a foregone ..... t it will be cold and windy when we arrive.
a) notion b) assumption c) thinking d) conclusion

223. The question of outstanding debts came out of the ..... . Nobody had informe about them before.
a) blue b) green c) black d) red

224. The people say they have arrived to ..... their respects to the new president.
a) owe b) pay c) lay d) wish

225. Although the experiment was carefully prepared, it just didn't ..... . Later, it t out the researchers had made a small mistake in their calculations.
a) run down b) pay back c) come off d) make out

226. We can't carry on with the research. We're ..... up for funds.
a) tough b) stiff c) hard d) short

227. Dave's really clever. It took him only one week to ..... the practical knowled
a) comprehend b) acquire c) reach d) purchase

228. *Look! Mike and Andy are* ..... kites.
a) flying b) letting c) blowing d) launching

229. The bribery affair has ..... considerable shame on two members of parliament.
a) caused b) lain c) brought d) imposed

230. I'm sorry sir, but we can't let you through the border. Your passport is ..... .
a) futile b) unfeasible c) vain d) invalid

231. Before the fire brigade arrived, the local inhabitants managed to ..... the fire out by themselves.
a) set b) put c) bring d) take

232. Believe me honey, I didn't mean to say that. It was just a ..... of the tongue.
a) slide b) skip c) slip d) snap

233. The inspector wants to know how you took ..... of these valuables.
a) ownership b) property c) reach d) possession

234. The older you get, the more quickly your time ..... .
a) passes b) retires c) lasts d) moves

235. After what he has done to us, he doesn't deserve to be ..... much trust in.
a) appointed b) placed c) settled d) attached

236. Mike and I didn't plan to see each other in the pub. We met by sheer ..... .
a) occurrence b) fortune c) coincidence d) luck

237. I hate working to a ..... . It is usually very stressful.
a) deadbeat b) deadline c) dead end d) deadlock

238. This small island is ..... for Napoleon, who spent his last days here.
a) memorable b) mindful c) unforgettable d) memorial

239. It's no ..... asking for his advice. He's not familiar with our problem.
a) need b) point c) sense d) use

240. It was the city mayor who ..... up the subject of the homeless at the last meeting.
a) brought b) touched c) rose d) spoke

241. Children should be protected against any negative influence that media may ..... on them.
a) distribute b) affect c) provide d) exert

242. The strikers arrived at the ministerial buildings in order to ..... their protests.
a) sound b) voice c) alarm d) speak

243. Our neighbour, Mrs Grant, is very poor. We take ..... on her and offer some help.
a) pity b) sorrow c) compassion d) regrets

244. If I were to help you with algebra, I would have to ..... up on my maths.
a) freshen b) wipe c) brush d) sweep

245. Due to an unfortunate ..... a few candidates hadn't been enlisted.
a) oversight b) overview c) overlook d) overpass

246. We need to find a filling station. We're running ..... on petrol.
a) scarce b) empty c) short d) low

247. As there was no damning evidence against the man, he was ..... from prison.
a) abandoned b) vacated c) departed d) released

248. Patty has been staying in hospital ever since she ..... pneumonia.
a) attained b) originated c) developed d) invented

249. We are allowed to watch all TV programmes with the ..... of the late-night ones.
a) exception b) omission c) prohibition d) elimination

250. None of them would ..... up to making the mess, so they were all made to clean everything up after lessons.
a) claim b) own c) admit d) stand

251. The hosts in the small hotel were very generous. They ..... us to all kinds of amusement free of charge.
a) served b) provided c) granted d) treated

252. In ..... , I find your scheme acceptable, but I suggest adjusting it to current economic conditions.
a) rule b) basis c) principle d) custom

253. Your continual patting your fingers on the desk keeps ..... the other students' attention.
a) dismissing b) displacing c) disengaging d) distracting

254. The problem is that more and more offences are committed in ..... daylight.
a) broad b) wide c) far d) open

255. The news of an imminent war was being ..... long before it broke out.
a) extended b) spread c) evolved d) stretched

256. Mrs Grant's children are very talented. She must take a lot of ..... in their achievements, I suppose.
a) enjoyment b) dignity c) pride d) boast

257. Don't ..... to conclusions. Just listen to what the other witnesses say.
a) jump b) bounce c) charge d) spring

258. That horse never wins. It's a safe ..... that it will lose again today.
a) knowledge b) certainty c) bet d) word

259. It's a mystery how they have managed to ..... so much money for such a hopeless cause.
a) rise b) resort c) raise d) resume

260. If you call me a fool again, I will take my ..... with you.
a) insult b) aversion c) fury d) offence

261. Remember not to leave the front door unlocked under any ..... .
a) circumstances b) occurrences c) occasions d) events

262. My grandfather has got an old clock in his house. He has to ..... it every 24 ho
a) wind b) whirl c) wound d) wring

263. Some missing documents have ..... the customs officers' suspicion. That's wh the truck has been stopped for a thorough inspection.
a) emerged b) implied c) aroused d) exposed

264. Honestly, we didn't expect so many applications would be ..... for the post.
a) conveyed b) appointed c) proposed d) submitted

265. The concert was a great success. More than a thousand people ..... to listen this fascinating tribal music.
a) found out b) turned up c) made off d) set about

266. It doesn't make sense to ..... people by appearances.
a) approach b) regard c) account d) judge

267. In the ..... of a snakebite, serum must be injected as quickly as possible.
a) event b) situation c) case d) occurrence

268. The small local team ..... to tremendous fame after winning all the qualifiers.
a) flourished b) increased c) rose d) forwarded

269 Hardly had the baby drank the carrot juice when she ..... in a rash.
a) showed up b) turned on c) went down d) came out

270. After the affair, many people lost their ..... in the ruling party.
a) certainty b) confidence c) assurance d) reliance

271. If you hire a flat in a posh district, you'll have to ..... much higher costs.
a) incur b) expend c) supply d) dispose

272. Mr Pearce ..... himself on running the most prosperous farm in our village.
a) boasts b) praises c) prides d) applauds

273. The Knights Templar ..... to exist in 1312 with most of their riches captured by the French monarch, Philip.
a) concluded b) ceased c) terminated d) completed

274. Uncle Joe loves making up stories so it's good to take them with a ..... of salt.
a) chip b) shred c) grain d) pinch

275. Frank's very clever, indeed. But on the other hand, he doesn't know how to put his profound knowledge to good ..... .
a) use b) application c) operation d) working

276. Seeing that his opponent was stronger and faster, the Mexican fighter just ..... in.
a) held b) went c) gave d) ran

277. Should you come across a Grizzly bear, just stay ..... and don't move until it goes away.
a) fix b) put c) step d) pace

278. Remember to ..... by the club regulations once you become its member.
a) comply b) agree c) obey d) abide

279. Hank was my best friend at university. I'm really glad to have ..... my relations with him after such a long time.
a) renewed b) recovered c) renovated d) reversed

280. You may use my laptop whenever you need it. It's at your full ..... .
a) usage b) access c) disposal d) reach

281. I love coffee, but this time I have a strong ..... for ice tea.
a) preference b) favour c) approval d) requirement

282. You won't be allowed to ..... a vote in elections until you have come of age.
a) throw b) cast c) drop d) toss

283. There is a ..... of dust in your eye, that's why it's aching.
a) speck b) dot c) scrap d) crumb

284. Jeff is such an irresponsible person. How can you be so ..... on him?
a) confident b) trustworthy c) reliant d) dependable

285. There's no denying that all your school problems ..... from your laziness.
a) reap b) stem c) crop d) devise

286. All the information that we require is within easy ..... . We may use it freely.
a) reach b) availability c) capture d) gain

287. This birthday cake is a temptation not to ..... . May I have another piece, please?
a) refuse b) retain c) remain d) resist

288. Let's ..... a bargain. I will give you money and you will do the shopping. What do you say?
a) strike b) beat c) hit d) shoot

289. Corporal punishment can still be ..... on offenders in quite a few countries.
a) discharged b) burdened c) inflicted d) affected

290. A diet which is ..... in vitamins and minerals can do a lot of harm.
a) incomplete b) deficient c) inadequate d) short

291. We'd sooner you sent messages by e-mail. The post is rather on the slow ..... here.
a) part b) level c) side d) duty

292. Now that you have agreed to supervise the preparations, you have to bear the ..... .
a) load b) charge c) burden d) weight

293. I can see that you have arrived ..... a wrong conclusion. We don't really mean giving you trouble.
a) on b) at c) by d) to

294. Only top officers are ..... to read the classified data without asking anyone for permission.
a) valid b) permissible c) legal d) entitled

295. Last year, the organisers ..... no expense to make their exhibition successful.
a) wasted b) regretted c) afforded d) spared

296. These helmets are made of very tough mixture of fibre and plastic which is ..... to the heat of 1000 degrees.
a) resistant b) endurable c) immune d) unbreakable

297. Do you happen to know how to ..... about installing these files on a PC?
a) make b) get c) do d) go

298. Soon after his company went bankrupt, all his former supporters ..... their relations with him.
a) chopped b) trimmed c) severed d) carved

299. Terry hopes to inherit these properties by ..... of being a sole relative of the elderly duchess.
a) effect b) virtue c) token d) ground

300. It sounds controversial what the advisors say, but it definitely is ..... for thought.
a) meal b) cuisine c) food d) feast