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### **Part 1. WRITING (3 points)**

**Write an argumentative essay on the following topic: (280-300 words)**

- *The New York Times* reported last May that a big number of American companies that laid off thousands of workers during the pandemic still paid their executives handsomely. What factors should determine an employee's pay? Should the gap between executive compensation and average worker pay be as significant as it is?

### **Part 2. PRACTICE**

#### **1. Write the phonetic transcription of the following sentence. (0.5 points)**

The same old cane that hadn't been harvested in twenty years swayed like a green sea.

#### **2. Choose the word which best completes each sentence. Choose the letter for the correct option and write a, b, c, d on your answer sheet. (1 point)**

1. The rain \_\_\_\_\_ down slowly under his coat collar, making him feel thoroughly damp and miserable.

a) crept    b) waded    c) trickled    d) teemed.

2. Primary education has been \_\_\_\_\_ underfunded in this area of the country for many years now, and it's about time something was done about it.

- a) seriously   b) deeply   c) highly   d) remarkably.

3. Some tourists are encouraged by their guides to \_\_\_\_\_ over the pyramids for photo opportunities.

- a) scuttle   b) scramble   c) slitter   d) stagger

4. Scientists are racing against time to save our plastic heritage before it \_\_\_\_\_ into dust.

- a) crumbles   b) shatters   c) erodes   d) shrivels

5. The study suggests that among hundreds of candidates, only a few planets are \_\_\_\_\_ habitable.

- a) potentially   b) plausibly   c) predictably   d) prospectively

6. The decision to site the nuclear power station next to the nature reserve \_\_\_\_\_ widespread criticism from environmental groups.

- a) came in   b) responded to   c) drew   d) expressed

7. The president remained\_\_\_\_\_ by mounting criticism of his leadership and pressed ahead regardless with his controversial programme of policies.

- a) upset    b) impervious    c) unmoved    d) overcome

8. He proposed to her in the \_\_\_\_\_ lit restaurant of the hotel with the piano music playing in the background.

- a) soundly    b) softly    c) smoothly    d) sparsely

9. The\_\_\_\_\_ of things was that we were sacked from a job that we had held for over 20 years.

- a) upbeat    b) upshot    c) upturn    d) uptake

10. Not many people are good at assessing their own abilities but Tom must be\_\_\_\_\_ for recognising that he would never become a great musician.

- a) merited    b) talented    c) commended    d) advocated

11. Our supervisor arrived late and in a foul mood, going by the\_\_\_\_\_ on his face.

- a) frown    b) grimace    c) scowl    d) beam

12. Lucy got home eventually at 6 pm, \_\_\_\_\_ with grocery bags, having been out shopping for nearly four hours.

- a) laden    b) burdened    c) stocked    d) full

13. A recent survey shows that retirees tend to use their money to splash \_\_\_\_\_  
on a nice car or a trip to some far-flung destination.

- a) off    b) away    c) out    d) up

14. As she was born deaf she has had to overcome many extra \_\_\_\_\_ in her life.

- a) barriers    b) snags    c) obstacles    d) hurdles

15. Should that be the case, your future would be in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the gods.

- a) lap    b) hands    c) arms    d) clasp

16. What is particularly interesting about hypnosis is that it is capable of activating what the \_\_\_\_\_ psychologist Carl Jung called “the creative imagination”.

- a) grandiose    b) notorious    c) eminent    d) prestigious

17. She screamed, evidently deeply disturbed by what she had \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) glanced    b) peered    c) glimpsed    d) gazed

18. The secret is to spot them and to have enough technical skill to take the photographs without \_\_\_\_\_ worrying about how to handle the camera.

- a) largely    b) frantically    c) utterly    d) hugely

19. How could you have lost all your library books? Charles asked his wife, \_\_\_\_\_ her angrily from across the kitchen table.

- a) staring    b) eyeing    c) seeing    d) monitoring

20. I think kids were \_\_\_\_\_ from the harsh realities of the world a lot more in those days.

- a) sheltered    b) secluded    c) shrouded    d) screened

**3. Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it is as similar as possible to the first sentence. You must use between three and eight words, including the word given. Write your answers on the answer sheet. (1 point)**

1. They will decide very soon whether to close the Rome office. **(POINT)**

They \_\_\_\_\_ whether to close the Rome office.

2. It's quite likely that Sean was lying about what James said. **(WELL)**

Sean \_\_\_\_\_ about what Dough said.

3. I'd love to travel the world if I didn't have to pay off my mortgage. **(HAVING)**

Were \_\_\_\_\_ to pay off my mortgage, I'd love to travel the world.

4. There is still a faint possibility that the deal can be finalised by tomorrow's deadline. **(GLIMMER)**

There is still a \_\_\_\_\_ time for tomorrow's deadline.

5. Julia was the unlucky one so she had to tell Mark he was losing his company car. **(STRAW)**

If Julia \_\_\_\_\_, she wouldn't have had to tell Mark he was losing his company car.

6. The new skyscraper is horrid and spoils the view of the village. **(BLOT)**

The new skyscraper \_\_\_\_\_ and spoils the view of the village.

7. That's the comedian the audience didn't like. **(BADLY)**

That's the comedian \_\_\_\_\_ the audience.

8. I decided right there and then to buy all of it and now I regret it. **(WHIM)**

I \_\_\_\_\_ and now I regret it.

9. I can't understand why he is unwilling to tell us the truth. **(BAFFLED)**

\_\_\_\_\_ to tell us the truth.

10. It wasn't long before the bus company increased their prices for a second time. **(PUT)**

Hardly \_\_\_\_\_, they increased them again.



**4. Complete each sentence with one phrasal verb from the box provided. Choose the letter for the best answer and write A\_B\_C\_D\_E on your answer sheet. (0.5 points)**

A	B	C	D	E
hive off	rough out	set upon	abide by	usher in

1. The *Musicmatch* software suite has helped to \_\_\_\_\_ a new era in music production.
2. No sooner had they jumped down into the garden than they were \_\_\_\_\_ by two enormous guard dogs.
3. Megan expected everybody to \_\_\_\_\_ the rules she had applied to her own life.
4. The novelist said she used to \_\_\_\_\_ several plots before deciding which one to use.
5. The company has announced plans to \_\_\_\_\_ its residential department in order to focus on commercial business.

**5. Teaching practice. (4 points)**

How would you use this picture in class? Include the points below:

- Context and level of students, objectives, class activities, timing, attention to diversity, transversal as well as interdisciplinary activities and assessment. What parts of the curriculum does it match? Explain your answer.

