

VOCABULARY TESTS

(Cambridge First Certificate Examination Practice 1)

TEST 1

1. Her parents were very.....because she was out so late that night.
A. responsible B. sorry C. worried D. overcome
2. After a lot of difficulty, heto open the door.
A. managed B. succeeded C. obtained D. realised
3. I have been looking for the book for months, and I have found it.
A. at last B. in time C. at the end D. at present
4. My employer'sof my work doesn't matter me at all.
A. meaning B. belief C. option D. expression
5. The purpose of the examination was tothe students' knowledge of the subject.
A. try B. inspect C. prove D. test
6. I'll have toto you, otherwise he will hear.
A. shout B. say C. whistle D. whisper
7. As soon as the firebell rang, everyone quickly downstairs and out of the building,gathered in the car park.
A. while B. then C. before D. to
8. There'sto be frightened of the dog; he quite harmless.
A. a fear B. no fear C. no need D. any reason
9. After closing the envelope, the secretarythe stamps on firmly.
A. licked B. sucked C. stuck D. struck
10. The teacherthem the answer to the question.
A. explained B. told C. said D. discussed
11. The station clock is not asas it should be; it is usually between one and two minutes fast.
A. strict B. certain C. true D. accurate
12. We flew to the island, thena car for three days and visited most places of interest.
A. lent B. bought C. hired D. charged
13. Oneof their new house is that it has no garden.
A. pity B. dislike C. complaint D. disadvantage
14. When he spoke over the telephone, his voice was sothat I could hardly hear him.
A. faint B. dim C. dull D. unnoticeable
15. They tell me he is.....a lot of money in his new job.
A. having B. earning C. gaining D. profiting
16. She heated the chocolate until it, then poured it over the cake.
A. formed B. melt C. changed D. flooded
17. He drives so quickly that I am afraid that one day he will.....someone crossing the street.
A. crash down B. knock down C. turn over D. run across
18. Hello. Is that 21035? Please put meto the manager.
A. across B. up C. over D. through
19. Although he was completely.....as a future- maker, he produced the most beautiful chairs.
A. untrained B. unable C. incapable D. uneducated
20. I have neverany experience of living in the country.
A. had B. wished C. done D. made
21. Because it rained very heavily all day, they had to.....the garden party until the following Saturday.
A. pre-arrange B. postpone C. re-arrange D. preserve
22. The child was told to..... for being rude to his uncle.
A. excuse B. apologise C. forgive D. confess
23. She walk to theof the swimming pool and jumped in.
A. start B. side C. extent D. border
24. When we visited the zoo on Sunday afternoon it was very crowded but on a weekday it's practically.....
A. full B. clear C. empty D. uncrowded
25. You may not have to stay the night but take a toothbrush just in
A. case B. time C. order D. preparation

key: 1C2A3A4C5D6D7B8C9C10B11D12C13D14A15B16B17B18D19A20A21B22B23B24C25A

TEST 2

1. I was just.....to go out when you telephoned.
A. around B. about C. thinking D. planned
2. You will become ill.....you stop working so hard.
A. until B. when C. unless D. if
3. When he heard the terrible noise, he asked me what was.....on
A. happening B. being C. getting D. going
4. I don't think that red dressher.
A. suits B. matches C. cheers D. agrees
5. The three friends all.....for the same job.
A. requested B. applied C. intended D. referred
6. She remembered the correct address only....she had posted the letter.
A. since B. afterwards C. following D. after
7. It's difficult to pay one's bills when prices keep.....
A. rising B. growing C. gaining D. raising
8. The dentist told him to open his mouth.....
A. broad B. much C. greatly D. wide
9. Could you lend me some money? I've veryof cash at the moment.
A. down B. scare C. low D. short
10. His parents never allowed him.....
A. a smoking B. smoking C. to smoke D. some smoked
11. The other driver failed to signal his.....to turn right so I had to brake suddenly.
A. purpose B. idea C. intention D. design
12. The managers agreed tothe question of my payment.
A. balance B. control C. discuss D. increase
13. I don't think he'll ever.....the shock of his wife's death.
A. get through B. get over C. get by D. get off
14. We have no.....in our files of you recent letter to the tax office.
A. account B. memory C. list D. record
15. You will spend at least one year working abroad.....you can find out how things operate overseas.
A. because B. so as to C. so that D. as long as
16. On the.....to the town there is a beautiful wood.
A. direction B. street C. way D. entrance
17. Mary Smith decided to give up her job for the...of her children.
A. care B. sake C. reason D. concern
18. When she was crossing the room, the night-nurse happened to notice the old lady.....to get out of bed.
A. has tried B. to try C. trying D. tried
19. Do you.....my turning the television on now?
A. mind B. disapprove C. want D. object
20. Paris lies.....he river Seine.
A. over B. next C. on D. at
21. I'm afraid a rise in salary is.....just now.
A. out of sight B. out of control C. out of date D. out of the question
22. The patient.....to listen to his doctor's advice.
A. refused B. hindered C. lacked D. resigned
23. I ask him for the money he owes me, he says he will bring it in a few days, but I don't think he has got it at all.
A. Whatever B. However C. Whenever D. Wherever
24. If.....it would stop raining for a morning, we could cut the grass.
A. ever B. just C. even D. only
25. British Leyland is aiming to push..... its share of UK car sales to 25% over the next to years.
A. up B. out C. on D. through

KEY:

1B2C3D4A5B6D7A8D9D10C11C12C13B14D15C16C17B18C19A20C21D22A23C24D25A

TEST 3

1. This morning the postman was.....down the street by my dog.
A. hunted B. chased C. run D. sped
2. This child hurt himself badly when he fellthe bedroom window.
A. out from B. out of C. down D. over
3. Hebeing given a receipt for the bill he had paid.
A. asked to B. demanded C. insisted on D. required
4. I knew himI was a child.
A. until B. when C. as D. during
5. I have absolutely no doubtinnocence of the accused.
A. about B. over C. on D. with
6. Mr and Mrs Hudson are always.....with each other about money.
A. annoying B. arguing C. discussing D. shouting
7. When he left school, John decided to.....a priest instead of studying languages.
A. change to B. become C. train for D. study for
8. I walked away as calmly as I couldthey thought I was the thief.
A. or else B. to avoid C. owing to D. in case
9. I am late because my alarm clock never.....this morning.
A. came on B. rang out C. went off D. turned on
10. He...me to buy my air ticket immediately or it would be too late.
A. convinced B. insisted C. advised D. suggested
11. Don't worry about trying to catch the last train home, as we can easily.....you up for the night.
A. take B. put C. set D. keep
12. Take this road and you will.....at the hotel in five minutes.
A. arrive B. come C. find D. reach
13. I would like to offer a small.....to anyone who finds my missing dog.
A. receipt B. repayment C. expense D. reward
14. The young girl carefully.....left and right before crossing the road.
A. watched B. glanced C. stared D. looked
15.people go to football matches now than twenty years ago.
A. Less B. Lesser C. Fewer D. Few
16. He got out of bed and took a fewbut couldn't go any farther.
A. stages B. starts C. steps D. actions
17. You really can't.....a thing that woman says!
A. believe B. rely C. count D. image
18. His performance was.....; the audience was delighted.
A. unmarked B. faultless C. worthless D. imperfect
19. But why did the police suspect you? it just does not make.....to me.
A. reason B. right C. sense D. truth
20. Could you please tell me if you have any electric typewriters.....?
A. in store B. in order C. in supply D. in stock
21. Two other.....in his argument for his country's independence are worth a mention.
A. notices B. points C. effects D. reports
22. He's such a naughty child; it's amazing what his mother lets him.....away with.
A. go B. make C. do D. get
23. The factory paid.....nearly a million pounds to their employees who were injured in the explosion.
A. off B. out C. back D. in
24. Having.... the table, Mrs Roberts called the family for the supper.
A. laid B. spread C. order D. completed
25. The little girl wouldn't go into the sea.....her father went to.
A. except B. but C. also D. unless

key:

1B2B3C4B5A6B7B8D9C10C11B12A13D14D15C16C17A18B19C20D21B22D23B24A25D

TEST 4

1. The noise of the traffic prevented me from.....to sleep.
A. falling B. starting C. beginning D. going
2. The train will be leaving in five minutes so you.....better hurry up.
A. had B. should C. will D. would
3. He was very upset by the.....of his English examination.
A. result B. failure C. effect D. success
4. Wait.....you get home before you unpack your parcel.
A. to B. until C. when D. after
5. He hit the vase with his elbow and it.....to the floor.
A. crashed B. smashed C. broke D. knocked
6. The children did not know the.....by which the game was played.
A. facts B. customs C. orders D. rules
7. It was difficult to.....a date which was convenient for everyone.
A. elect B. organise C. arrange D. provide
8. The new factory much be finished.....as a profitability of the company depends on it.
A. on time B. in times C. at time D. for a time
9. It'slong time since he last saw his brothers and sisters.
A. such a B. so C. very D. too
10. He played an active.....in politics until he was well over 80.
A. scene B. job C. position D. part
11. He retired early.....ill-health.
A. on behalf of B. ahead of C. on account of D. in front of
12. I had no.....that the divorce rate was so high in this country.
A. knowledge B. idea C. doubt D. understanding
13. A railway bridge is already.....over the river.
A. been erected B. erecting C. in construction D. being built
14. This is the.....of the bicycle which was stolen.
A. detail B. description C. information D. example
15. There was nothing they could do.....leave the car at the roadside where it had been broken down.
A. than B. unless C. instead of D. but
16. Some drivers, after....., annoy their fellow-motorists by slowing down again immediately.
A. passing by B. overtaking C. taking over D. passing along
17. Despite her undoubted ability at tennis, she never became the.....of the local tennis club.
A. member B. partner C. champion D. winner
18. He liked to sit.....the river and fish.
A. at B. next C. beside D. along
19. The bus was so late reaching the station that I.....missed my train.
A. almost B. already C. soon D. entirely
20. She was unable to warn her mother that she would be late because the telephone was.....
A. out of work B. off work C. out of order D. off duty
21. "How can we.....out together what we're to do if we never talk about it frankly?" she cried desperation.
A. test B. find C. work D. search
22. Wild ducks always fly in a definite.....
A. figure B. formula C. shape D. formation
23. Mike was the.....in his family; all his brothers were much taller.
A. lowest B. shortest C. slightest D. littlest
24. You'll.....yourself a lot of time if you take the car.
A. spend B. make C. save D. spare
25. "Do I have to take that French course?" – "No, you....."
A. haven't B. don't have C. mustn't D. needn't

KEY: 1D2A3A4B5A6D7C8A9A10D11C12B13D14B15D16B17C18C19A20C21C22D23B24C25D

TEST 5

1. It was very difficult for the inspector to.....what recommendations he should make.
A. realise B. settle C. solve D. decide
2. This is not the right.....to ask for my help; I am far too busy even to listen!
A. moment B. situation C. opportunity D. circumstance
3. The job of student lodgings officer.....a great many visits to landladies.
A. concerns B. offers C. asks D. involves
4. It isknowledge in the village that Mr and Mrs Thorne quarrel violently several times a week.
A. common B. complete C. normal D. usual
5. All students leaving college at the end of term must leave their addresses so that letters can be sent.....
A. forward B. through C. on D. to
6. Of course I'm a Christian.....I expect everyone who works here to be a Christian too.
A. since B. then C. and D. but
7. "My daughter, Mary, tries to.....to see me at least one a week," Mrs Jones told the social worker.
A. call up B. go up C. come on D. drop in
8. Driving in London is supposed to be confusing but I didn't find it at.....difficult.
A. all B. first C. once D. least
9. Yesterday the naval authorities.....the reports in Friday's newspaper that they had exploded three bombs near an unknown submarine.
A. published B. confirmed C. re-stated D. agreed
10. If only Iplay the guitar as well as you!
A. would B. should C. could D. might
11. The shops are always.....of people at Christmas time.
A. full B. stuffed C. busy D. crowded
12. The party,I was the guest of honour, was extremely enjoyable.
A. by which B. at which C. for which D. to which
13. Children with.....diseases should not be allowed to go to school.
A. contact B. infectious C. constant D. influential
14. Imy friend to lend me his caravan for my trip to the country.
A. persuaded B. suggested C. proposed D. convinced
15. John swims very well and.....does his brother.
A. also B. even C. so D. too
16. They would.....go by air than spend a week travelling by train.
A. always B. rather C. prefer D. better
17. I have often.....why we went to live abroad.
A. wondered B. surprised C. thought D. puzzled
18. My wife and I have much pleasure inthe invitation to your daughter's wedding.
A. asking B. accepting C. thanking D. welcoming
19. Her guest apologised for causing her so much.....
A. problem B. complication C. trouble D. damage
20. Because his argument was so confusing,.....people understood it.
A. few B. clever C. less D. many
21. Some schools have very.....rules of behaviour which must be obeyed.
A. strong B. solid C. straight D. strict
22. It is.....unlikely that the Queen will agree to open the new Town Hall.
A. mainly B. highly C. largely D. greatly
23. I must tell you about mywhen I first arrived in London.
A. incidents B. happenings C. experiences D. events
24. In pain as a result of the fall, he.....slowly home.
A. stepped B. wound C. limped D. sped
25. I think he is unwell; he was complaining.....a headache this morning.
A. at B. of C. from D. against

key: 1D2A3D4A5C6C7D8A9B10C11A12B13B14A15C16B17A18B19C20A21D22B23C24C25B