2007 MBA - ENGLISH VOCABULARY QUESTION PAPER

English Vocabulary - Choose the correct word

In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word/phrase. Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative.

1. The helpful onlooker was badly injured when she tried to ------ to end the quarrel. a) intimidate b) intervene c) interfere d) intrude

2. That she was ------ was obvious not from her polite conversation, but also from the discreet display of the beautiful paintings in her room.a) crude b) sophisticated c) chaste d) mad

3. We were brought up in a village and our grandfather was a simple ------ and quite illiterate. a) Knight b) Squire c) Pleasant d) peasant

5. In the present fluid political situation, you never ------ what is going to happen. a) know b) face c) notice d) realize

6. After a ----- of several months the runaway boy turned up. a) passage b) gap c) lapse d) break

7. And why did the police suspect you? It just does not make any ------ to me. a) point b) reason c) sense d) truth

8. Mr and Mrs Malhotra are always seen ----- with each other about money.a) discussing b) shouting c) speaking d) arguing

9. Charles' marriage _____ Diana was much talked about. a) to b) between c) with d) of

10. He did not make a single ----- to any controversial matter in his speech.a) allusion b) illusion c) elision d) elucidation

11. A fool's tongue is ----- enough to cut his own throat. a) sharp b) long c) quick d) loud

12. Brevity is the soul of ------a) imagination b) eloquence c) wit d) mankind

13. The public sector employees demanded pay parity ------ their counterparts in the Central Government.a) like b) as c) towards d) with

14. At present, all over the world, moral standards ------ to have fallen. a) look b) appear c) intend d) started 15. ----- the match was declared over by the umpire, the players cheered each other and went for lunch.

a) As soon as b) As far as c) As long as d) As fast as

16. Keats is the saddest example of a fine spirit hounded to death by ------ criticism. a) honest b) agreeable c) savage d) impartial

17. The ----- nature of your order left us no time to make the usual enquires. a) important b) urgent c) plain d) trivial

18. The insects are a great nuisance ----- us.a) with b) for c) to d) upon

19. All the workers complained that the price of food had increased, so their ------ of living had fallen.

a) existence b) desire c) method d) standard

20. The Spanish regarded him as an ----- and called him a villain.a) Apostle b) Imposter c) archer d) informer

21. The thermal station ------ so much smoke that no tree has survived in its neighbourhood. a) Emits b) Emitted c) burns d) consumes

23. At times when she was in the right mood, she would ------ a sense of humour which no one could match.

a) replay b) display c) exhibit d) provoke

24. The postman could not ------ the registered letter because he found no one at home. a) give b) deposit c) deliver d) hand over

25. Your case is so unique that I am not getting any ----- to support it. a) reason b) help c) happening d) precedent

Answers

1 intervene, 2.sophisticated, 3.peasant, 4 burnouts, 5 know, 6.lapse, 7 sense, 8 arguing, 9. with 10. allusion, 11. sharp, 12. wit, 13. with, 14. appear, 15. as soon as, 16. savage, 17. urgent, 18. to, 19. standard, 20. imposter, 21. emits, 22. disorderly, 23. display, 24. deliver, 25. precedent