

Instructions: Choose the best word or phrase to complete each sentence.

1. Her archaeology professor acted as her _____. He guided her through the difficulties of her master's program and helped shape the woman she is today.
(A) gadget
(B) curriculum
(C) mentor
(D) hindrance
2. She always _____ coffee in the morning. Without it, she can't work properly.
(A) craves
(B) hinders
(C) negates
(D) heeds
3. He developed a lot of _____ during his semester abroad. Afterwards, his parents trusted him with more responsibilities.
(A) destiny
(B) disruption
(C) incertitude
(D) maturity
4. There was a lot of _____ as crowds of people tried to see the famous actor walking through the mall.
(A) stamina
(B) discipline
(C) counsel
(D) commotion
5. After the air conditioning broke down, the students found the heat very _____. They just couldn't concentrate on the exam questions.
(A) diverting
(B) distracting
(C) crucial
(D) erudite

6. Because the government decided to construct a new highway through this land, they've decided to _____ the football stadium to another site.
(A) relocate
(B) relay
(C) ally
(D) abhor
7. We have decided to _____ on buying a car until we can save more money.
(A) figure out
(B) hold off
(C) redirect
(D) implement
8. Deciding what _____ to focus on in university can be a difficult decision.
(A) freebie
(B) mentor
(C) perseverance
(D) discipline

Instructions: Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to the underlined part.

9. The huge snowstorm has impeded the progress of construction on the new library tower.
(A) excelled
(B) hindered
(C) revered
(D) relocated
10. A page listing your references is an essential component of your paper, so make sure you format it correctly.
(A) crucial
(B) diverting
(C) spoiled
(D) domestic

11. My friend is so skeptical. She never believes people are telling the truth.

- (A) domestic
- (B) erudite
- (C) crucial
- (D) cynical

12. Because our physics professor is attending a conference, Tuesday's lab session will start at 10:00 instead of 9:00.

- (A) commence
- (B) abhor
- (C) negate
- (D) heed

13. Could you please pass this information on to Dr. McCafferty?

- (A) inaugurate
- (B) relay
- (C) hold off
- (D) redirect

14. In general, a person's level of doubt increases as he or she encounters new information.

- (A) discipline
- (B) counsel
- (C) cacophony
- (D) incertitude

15. They have a good idea for a business venture. I think they're going to be quite successful.

- (A) dyslexia
- (B) stamina
- (C) expertise
- (D) enterprise

Instructions: Write the missing words. Use the words below to fill in the blanks.

diverting gadget better off
dyslexia perseverance

One (16) _____ that has helped me with school work is my "reading pen." To begin, I have (17) _____, a learning disability that makes reading very difficult. The reading pen not only made reading possible, it also made it quite (18) _____ for me. Without it, I would have spent tedious hours reading my assignments and probably would have given up. With (19) _____ and my reading pen, however, I was able to excel in school. I have been much (20) _____ because of it.

Instructions: Match the words that are opposites.

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| 21. hinder | (A) ignore |
| 22. heed | (B) love |
| 23. commence | (C) pitch in |
| 24. recipient | (D) sender |
| 25. abhor | (E) hold off |