

**Task I. Choose the right answer. Write down only the capital letters A or B or C indicating the right choice in each particular case.**

1. They wondered \_\_\_\_\_ he would say next.  
A) that; B) which; C) what
2. I've never seen \_\_\_\_\_ beautiful scenery!  
A) such a; B) so; C) such
3. Some people like summer best, some like spring or autumn, \_\_\_\_\_ prefer winter.  
A) the others; B) others; C) another
4. There are no such things \_\_\_\_\_ ghosts.  
A) like; B) as; C) so
5. If anyone \_\_\_\_\_ you this news, don't believe them.  
A) tell; B) will tell; C) tells
6. He got used \_\_\_\_\_ a holiday three times a year.  
A) to have; B) to having; C) to have had
7. The student \_\_\_\_\_ his homework carelessly the other day.  
A) did; B) made; C) have made
8. If you are looking \_\_\_\_\_ the right place to settle, consider this town.  
A) at; B) into; C) for
9. I \_\_\_\_\_ believe it, it's fantastic!  
A) needn't; B) can't; C) mustn't
10. The pill made me \_\_\_\_\_ sleepy.  
A) to feel; B) felt; C) feel
11. I'll apologize now \_\_\_\_\_ I don't see her soon.  
A) in case; B) unless; C) though
12. The ground is wet here. It \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) should rain; B) should have been raining; C) should have been raining
13. I need to get rid of some things because my apartment is much too \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) crowded; B) cluttered; C) spacious
14. He's an excellent doctor, and he doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ too much.  
A) fee; B) pay; C) charge
15. Your new flat \_\_\_\_\_ me very much of the one we had in London.  
A) reminds; B) recalls; C) recollects
16. I phoned him this morning but when I said who I was he \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) rang up; B) shut down; C) hung up
17. If you are rude to customers they are \_\_\_\_\_ to come back.  
A) unlike; B) unlikely; C) dislike
18. Although he is said to be a dramatic actor, he's \_\_\_\_\_ starring in a musical.  
A) usually; B) currently; C) recently
19. Is he really \_\_\_\_\_ to judge a brass band contest?  
A) interested; B) capable; C) competent
20. Spanish is the \_\_\_\_\_ language of most Spaniards.  
A) native; B) home; C) mother

**Task II. Choose the right answer. Write down only the capital letters A, B, C and so on (from A to O), indicating the right choice in each particular case.**

For thousands of years the Western Hemisphere (21)... hidden from the great civilizations of East and West. But toward the end of the fifteenth century Europe (22)... a New World. During the next hundred years the Spanish, Portuguese, French, English, and Dutch (23)... blood and (24)... treasure (25)... this new continent and (26)... out imperial claims. Almost overnight Western Europeans (27)... their horizons. For centuries (28)... the collapse of Rome, European civilization had (29)... , hemmed in by newly risen and hostile forces, first the Arabs, (30)... by the faith of Islam, later by the Ottoman Turks, and always by the impenetrable barrier the ocean (31)... in the way of Europe's westward thrust.

In the vanguard of European expansion stood Portugal and Spain. The Iberian peninsula had (32)... a minor role in European affairs until the Age of Columbus when its soldiers and sailors (33)... out great empires. The Spaniards and Portuguese were first in the race for empire because they (34)... the necessary resources and expansionist attitudes which other colonizing kingdoms did not acquire until later. Overseas expansion was the work of strong, (35)... states.

- A. following
- B. placed
- C. gained
- D. lay
- E. mobilized
- F. discovered
- G. unified
- H. spilled
- I. exploring
- J. possessed
- K. contracted
- L. broadened
- M. staking
- N. played
- O. carved