

PRÉPOSITIONS / POSTPOSITIONS

PRÉPOSITIONS / POSTPOSITIONS 1

1. The program will fall ... of its ambitious goal.
 a) farther b) down
 c) far short d) away
2. The economist ... forward the theory that there was a correlation between interest rates and purchasing power.
 a) put b) set
 c) got d) made
3. He went to bed, and five minutes later he was ...
 a) enough asleep b) fast asleep
 c) fast sleepy d) much sleepy
4. The debate between the two schools of thought is just ... played out by now.
 a) on b) concerning
 c) regarding d) about
5. Their budget is running ... 3 times ours.
 a) to more b) over
 c) into d) at over
6. No witnesses of the accident have ...
 a) come out b) looked up
 c) looked into d) come forward
7. Some luxury goods are quite hard to ... in certain developing countries.
 a) come into b) come by
 c) come for d) come over
8. While you are travelling, don't forget to ... me.
 a) keep contact to b) keep in touch with
 c) keep with d) keep on to
9. The wholesaler buys ... the manufacturer and sells ... the retailer.
 a) from / to b) to / from
 c) to / to d) from / from
10. Margaret has decided to ... a new job.
 a) put out of b) put in for
 c) apply to d) go out of

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

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+3	-1	0	

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+3	-1	0	

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a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

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+3	-1	0	

11. Don't be ... by John's innocent appearance, he's an out and out liar.

- a) taken out
- b) taken in
- c) taken aback
- d) taken up

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

12. "Hello Angus! Could you ... when I'm in Glasgow next weekend?"

- a) put me in
- b) put me out
- c) put me down
- d) put me up

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

13. ... Enid's conversion ... Buddhism, she went ... live ... Bangkok.

- a) After / to / to / in
- b) For / at / ø / to
- c) From / into / ø / at
- d) In / from / to / in

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

14. These books are ... loan ... us ... the local branch ... the Historical Society.

- a) to / for / of / by
- b) by / from / to / for
- c) with / by / on / at
- d) on / to / from / of

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

15. You'll have to ... that beard if you want to keep your job in the laboratory!

- a) get rid of
- b) get out of
- c) get away from
- d) get into

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

16. Miss Greenway is ... Angela while the latter is in hospital.

- a) standing in for
- b) standing down in favour of
- c) standing up to
- d) standing on

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

17. Angela's request for an increase in pay was ... (Quite rightly so, she's always on sick leave ...)

- a) turned down
- b) put down
- c) broken off
- d) set off

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

18. Recently Iraq ... diplomatic relations with most western countries.

- a) broke off
- b) broke up
- c) broke down
- d) broke into

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

19. I'm tired ... relying ... the train ... getting ... the office.

- a) for / of / for / from
- b) with / to / of / in
- c) about / with / in / at
- d) of / on / for / to

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

20. In spite of promising to help us, Patrick has ... of the project.

PRÉPOSITIONS / POSTPOSITIONS 2

1. I went ... a policeman to ask him the way to the British Museum. He didn't have a clue, the philistine!

- a) over from
- b) above to
- c) up to
- d) down from

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

2. The official told me he would ... my complaint.

- a) look into
- b) look through
- c) look down on
- d) look out of

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

3. I feel much healthier since I ... smoking.

- a) broke off
- b) took in
- c) set about
- d) gave up

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

4. You will really have to work hard ... lost time.

- a) to do down with
- b) to go down for
- c) to put up with
- d) to make up for

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

5. The Chancellor has been uncommunicative ... expansion can be financed.

- a) as to how
- b) about to
- c) of the way
- d) regarding

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

6. One twin is quite different ... the other.

- a) than
- b) from
- c) to
- d) with

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

7. When he realised the police had spotted him, the man ... the exit as quickly as possible.

- a) made off
- b) made out
- c) made for
- d) made up

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

8. I've got a very high opinion ... your brother.

- a) on
- b) to
- c) for
- d) of

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

9. The winter snow was ... 16 feet deep in places.

- a) across from
- b) up to
- c) out from
- d) out of

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

10. Their attitude is very different ... what we expected.

- a) that
- b) from
- c) than
- d) of

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

11. Even though you speak ... a gentle voice, you can still insult someone.

13. Today's high-speed communications rely ... fibre optics that transmit pulses lasting billionths of a second.
a) at b) on
c) of d) to
14. The Baratts are very nice people
a) to go out b) to go out with
c) to go out with them d) going out with
15. "She was angry ... you last night when you left without saying goodbye." "Well, I'm sure she didn't realise I was angry ... being ignored by most of her friends."
a) with / with b) at / at
c) with / at d) at / with
16. "When does the Art College break ...?" "On June 30th."
a) up b) down
c) through d) off
17. The meetings were endless and they never arrived ... a conclusion.
a) at b) in
c) to d) into
18. I don't approve ... the government's scheme.
a) of b) about
c) \emptyset d) over
19. The Minister's speech didn't ... his audience and he was booed off the platform.
a) go down at all well with
b) go across at all well to
c) go off at all well with
d) go after at all well to
20. I'm afraid I have to ... my promise to lend you \$5,000.
a) go in for b) go out of
c) go back on d) go away from

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1. School will ... for the holidays on 15th July.
a) break up b) close
c) fall out d) set off
2. They are fed up to the back teeth and would like to get
a) it over with b) over with it
c) over it with d) with it over
3. After their quarrel Jane and William made
a) up b) over
c) along d) up with
4. Oil prices shot ... more than \$3 a barrel.
a) about b) out
c) up d) above
5. We spent most of our time looking ... the lost necklace.
a) up b) for
c) about d) of
6. He carried ... his father's wishes in every detail.
a) out b) forth
c) about d) over
7. Neither man is poor, I grant you, but which one is really better ...?
a) around b) of
c) out d) off
8. The strikers held ... for a larger pay increase than they had been offered.
a) out b) over
c) off d) forth
9. Did you ever find ... what happened to Eudora?
a) out b) around
c) of d) off
10. They have been responsible ... scandalous successes.
a) to b) of
c) with d) for
11. Mr Jones paid ... his creditors as soon as he was able to.
a) to b) of
c) with d) for

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a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

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+3	-1	0	

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

12. They worry about how the \$1.8 billion package will be paid
 a) \emptyset b) by
 c) for d) at
13. President Clinton warned that Western countries should stop looking ... Washington for guidance in this matter.
 a) from b) for
 c) at d) to
14. A man ... the name of Starknaked is ... the phone.
 a) by / on b) by / at
 c) of / at d) of / on
15. Their allowance might be cut ... 5% a year.
 a) from up b) up from
 c) of by up to d) by up to
16. In those days she was still unknown ... the police.
 a) to b) by
 c) of d) at
17. Initial costs are estimated ... \$50,000.
 a) about b) at
 c) to d) by
18. The journalist was charged ... conveying false information.
 a) of b) in
 c) with d) to
19. The car-rental agencies say their prices will jump ... 9% by the end of the year.
 a) in b) of
 c) out d) \emptyset
20. Though he didn't like it, he realized that this was something he simply had to put ... with.
 a) \emptyset b) aside
 c) up d) out

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+3	-1	0	

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PRÉPOSITIONS / POSTPOSITIONS 4

1. They were late because they ran ... gas on the highway.
 a) into b) out of
 c) off d) beyond
2. The sinking of the Rainbow Warrior was definitely not the kind of operation a would-be democratic country should take pride
 a) in b) of
 c) on d) about
3. This is a mistake he persisted ... making while living in the US.
 a) to b) \emptyset
 c) it d) in
4. Sales of this book account ... 15% of our total sales.
 a) for to b) up to for
 c) up for to d) for up to
5. I can't understand the reason ... their failure.
 a) for b) of
 c) why d) to
6. Gun owners are careful to abide ... the laws regulating the possession of handguns.
 a) by b) \emptyset
 c) in d) to
7. His policy turned ... to be very effective in the end.
 a) down b) up
 c) out d) in
8. This recent increase is meant to deter consumers ... spending too much on imported goods.
 a) to b) from
 c) for d) at
9. Those who say they are satisfied with their health dropped ... 61% in the 1970s ... 55% in the mid-1980s.
 a) from / at b) by / to
 c) to / by d) from / to
10. What do the initials AFT stand ...?
 a) out b) for
 c) in d) in

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

12. Mr Smith was the first person to address ... the meeting.

- a) at
b) by
c) to

Grid for question 12: a b c d, +3 -1 0

13. Your solution boils ... to three main points.

- a) down
b) forward
c) in
d) up

Grid for question 13: a b c d, +3 -1 0

14. "When did you say he was to be operated ... for lung cancer?"

- a) by
b) on
c) of
d) to

Grid for question 14: a b c d, +3 -1 0

15. Despite what people say, the new plan is in fact similar ... the former one.

- a) than
b) to
c) that
d) from

Grid for question 15: a b c d, +3 -1 0

16. How well do you know what your voice sounds ...?

- a) like
b) to
c) are
d) are

Grid for question 16: a b c d, +3 -1 0

17. I know she has been working ... her own.

- a) for
b) by
c) on
d) on

Grid for question 17: a b c d, +3 -1 0

18. The only way I can think ... curb drug-trafficking is to legalize soft drugs.

- a) of
b) to
c) in order to
d) in order to

Grid for question 18: a b c d, +3 -1 0

19. Lucy has both ... music.

- a) an interest in and a gift for
b) an interest and a gift in
c) an interest and a gift for
d) an interest and a gift by

Grid for question 19: a b c d, +3 -1 0

20. There have been significant percentage ... the number of American cars shipped to Europe every year.

- a) increase of
b) increased
c) increasing
d) increases in

Grid for question 20: a b c d, +3 -1 0

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PRÉPOSITIONS / POSTPOSITIONS 5

1. Falling export figures were blamed ... the rising pound.

- a) with
b) on
c) for
d) to

Grid for question 1: a b c d, +3 -1 0

2. The person committing an error is not always ... held responsible ... the fault.

- a) that / for
b) the one / for
c) that / of
d) the one / of

Grid for question 2: a b c d, +3 -1 0

3. ... average, five Europeans out of six learn English as their first foreign language.

- a) On
b) In
c) By
d) At

Grid for question 3: a b c d, +3 -1 0

4. The Middle East peace talks have broken ... again.

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

Grid for question 4: a b c d, +3 -1 0

5. I really can't see the point ... more money if it only means paying more taxes.

- a) of earning
b) earning
c) for earning
d) to earn

Grid for question 5: a b c d, +3 -1 0

6. The dollar continued its fall, particularly ... the German mark.

- a) to
b) over
c) against
d) upon

Grid for question 6: a b c d, +3 -1 0

7. The new chairman presided ... a 30% reduction of the work force.

- a) on
b) φ
c) at
d) over

Grid for question 7: a b c d, +3 -1 0

8. Have you ever been ... the Guggenheim Foundation Museum?

- a) on
b) to
c) inside
d) at

Grid for question 8: a b c d, +3 -1 0

9. These reforms will have to be carried ... soon.

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

Grid for question 9: a b c d, +3 -1 0

10. The city has ... FF.72m for its new Fine Arts museum.

- a) put ahead
b) put off

Grid for question 10: a b c d

- 11. Everyone says terrorism flourishes ... exploiting the media, ... which is meant television.
a) on / for
b) from / by
c) by / from
d) by / by
- 12. Allowing ... the bus ... late, we should be back by 8 o'clock.
a) for / being
b) for / be
c) ø / be
d) to / being
- 13. The factory is not infrequently referred ... a prison.
a) as
b) to like
c) to as
d) for
- 14. He again criticized the Reagan Administration ... funds for antidrug programs.
a) to have cut
b) for cutting
c) to cut
d) because cutting
- 15. A plane takes ... Logan airport every two minutes.
a) up out of
b) off on
c) up from
d) off from
- 16. This, ... my opinion, is the only solution to your problem.
a) for
b) in
c) to
d) after
- 17. I can never agree ... my wife ... dinner menus.
a) with / to
b) with / on
c) to / about
d) to / on
- 18. The country's gross national product has grown ... 15% ... the past ten years.
a) of / over
b) in / since
c) by / over
d) by / since
- 19. Don't ring ..., I haven't finished my story yet. (Yawn)
a) out
b) down
c) off
d) away
- 20. I'm only interested ... bringing ... the real facts.
a) by / up
b) in / out
c) to / out
d) with / up

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

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+3	-1	0	

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+3	-1	0	

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PRÉPOSITIONS / POSTPOSITIONS 6

- 1. Camus broke with Sartre ... the nature of Stalinism.
a) in a bitter dispute over
b) over bitterly disputing
c) after being bitterly disputed about
d) after having disputed concerning
- 2. ... of seals, the Monk Seal is the largest.
a) The 18 species
b) There are 18 species of
c) 18 species are
d) Of the 18 species
- 3. ... the data requested on the form.
a) Fill upon
b) Fill in
c) Fill over
d) Fill around
- 4. Look at those grey clouds; I think we are ... for a storm.
a) up
b) out
c) in
d) down
- 5. The cost of living has increased ... 60% ... the past 10 years.
a) in / since
b) of / over
c) by / over
d) by / since
- 6. The man sitting opposite me on the Metroliner turned ... to be a friend of my brother's.
a) up
b) in
c) on
d) out
- 7. After a long period of negotiations the two leaders managed to get ... their differences.
a) over
b) around
c) away with
d) out of
- 8. It is hardly the time to ... a pay rise.
a) put up with
b) put out of
c) put down to
d) put in for
- 9. The significance of the move will not be ... them.
a) lost on
b) lost by
c) a loss of
d) lost of
- 10. Supply deals will be struck ... fixed terms of ... 8 years.
a) for / to
b) of / up to
c) of / to
d) for / up to

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

12. We don't really want to strike, but we'll certainly walk ... if we have to.

- a) down
- b) over
- c) in
- d) out

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

13. These wholesalers buy ... bulk and ... credit.

- a) in / with
- b) on / on
- c) in / on
- d) in / for

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

14. Two days off can be made ... one overtime period.

- a) out by
- b) up to
- c) up for by
- d) out with

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

15. If you do not turn ... one morning they strike you ... the list.

- a) down / \emptyset
- b) in / with
- c) up / off
- d) \emptyset / on

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

16. The report found that four tests ... five were substandard.

- a) in
- b) out
- c) of
- d) on

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

17. The ambassador has failed in his attempt ... conciliation.

- a) for
- b) at
- c) on
- d) to

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

18. State officials were angry over delays ... assistance to the victims.

- a) to send
- b) for sending
- c) in sending
- d) about sending

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

19. ... pressure ... black leaders Congress started investigating the 1976 assassination.

- a) Under / from
- b) Because / by
- c) From / of
- d) By / of

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

20. The Minister of Agriculture has ... two sheep exporters ... live animals to Europe.

- a) banned / to transport
- b) banned / from transporting
- c) banned that / transport
- d) banned / of transporting

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

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1. The government argues that it is ... the MPs' salary increase.

- a) incapable to stop
- b) powerless of stopping
- c) unable of stopping
- d) powerless to stop

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

2. This is the sort of factor that wage negotiators will ...

- a) take to account
- b) take of account
- c) take into account
- d) take account to

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

3. In an American shopping mall you can buy anything ... socks ... bazookas.

- a) from / to
- b) through / and
- c) out of / and in
- d) ranging to / from

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

4. The banks have ... a comprehensive export service.

- a) built up
- b) built
- c) built on
- d) built out

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

5. On that day more than 4 million shares had ... hands.

- a) changed
- b) been taken in
- c) gone across
- d) changed of

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

6. Chinese officials are accusing ... demands for a more democratic system after 1997.

- a) Britain to stir up
- b) that Britain would stir up
- c) Britain's stir up
- d) Britain of stirring up

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

7. All purchases must be paid ... cash.

- a) for / on
- b) for / in
- c) \emptyset / in
- d) in / with

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

8. While they were away, the house was broken ... and ... upside down.

- a) in / turn
- b) into / turned
- c) up / turned
- d) through / had turned

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

9. He said their action was putting lives ... risk.

- a) at
- b) in
- c) to
- d) on

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

10. The government is not ... enough money ... education.

- a) spending / on
- b) paying / to
- c) giving / in
- d) tending / to

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

12. There's no point ... You're wasting your time.

- a) for insisting
b) at insisting
c) to insist
d) in insisting

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

13. If we want to buy a house, we'll have to ... our spending.

- a) care of
b) cut back on
c) let down
d) miss out

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

14. Japaneseness seems in constant need ...

- a) to defining
b) for defining
c) to define
d) of defining

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

15. As winter approaches, the elderly dread the idea ... of the house for so long.

- a) not to get out
b) not getting out
c) of not to get out
d) of not getting out

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

16. Intent on becoming Asia's next dragon, the Vietnamese are too busy ...

- a) looking forward to looking back
b) looking forward to look back
c) to look forward to look back
d) looking back to looking forward

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

17. The police put down cones to keep passing cars clear ... the accident.

- a) from
b) off
c) of
d) by

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

18. My watch is slow ... the town clock.

- a) by
b) at
c) after
d) from

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

19. You must give me some time to think ...

- a) it about
b) to it
c) through it
d) it over

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

20. Many firms have not complied ... the new regulations.

- a) to
b) at
c) with
d) in

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

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Votre score :

PRÉPOSITIONS / POSTPOSITIONS 8

1. Sales have been falling ... recently; let's hope they pick ... again soon.

- a) down / up
b) off / over
c) down / out
d) off / up

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

2. He made ... his short-lived political career by becoming a legend.

- a) off with
b) out that
c) away with
d) up for

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

3. The opposition promptly accused the army ... assisting ... the slaughter.

- a) of / in
b) with / with
c) with / for
d) of / for

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

4. I am calling you ... my uncle's behalf.

- a) on
b) of
c) for
d) to

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

5. The witness asked his neighbour to back his testimony ...

- a) in
b) up
c) out
d) down

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

6. We had to put ... our trip to Italy until Christmas.

- a) in
b) down
c) out
d) off

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

7. She is the first woman ... 25 years to win the prize.

- a) off
b) out of
c) in
d) with

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

8. She testified as a defence witness for 11 black activists ... trial ... treason.

- a) on / for
b) in / on
c) on / with
d) for / with

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

9. The firm will be held responsible ... the behaviour of its managers.

- a) of
b) with
c) from
d) for

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

10. The Speaker found himself ... an argument he could not answer.

- a) up with
b) out with
c) up against
d) out of

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

12. After a few drinks, he became friendly ... them.
a) in b) for
c) with d) at
13. Independently ... the festival however, a gallery is putting on a show of comics.
a) on b) of
c) from d) off
14. Before the personnel manager spoke, she was ... that her application had been turned down.
a) made believe b) having the feeling
c) having the impression d) under the impression
15. I see you've bought a new car. Are you satisfied ... it?
a) about b) at
c) with d) by
16. Half the overseas students ... our university will get a Ph.D.
a) that come to b) that come in
c) that comes to d) that comes in
17. All athletes respond to the force ... which fires them to be first.
a) with b) without
c) within d) withstand
18. Now that the single market has been set up, manufactured goods from EU countries are admitted free ... duty.
a) of b) from
c) for d) to
19. "... appointment to Her Majesty The Queen: suppliers of stationery."
a) On b) With
c) At d) By
20. His arrogance has led him into the minefield ... assumptions as hard fact.
a) some time presenting
b) of sometimes presenting
c) sometimes of presenting
d) of some time presenting

a b c d
+3 -1 0a b c d
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+3 -1 0

PRÉPOSITIONS / POSTPOSITIONS 9

1. Owing to the recession, money is hard to come ...
a) to b) by
c) into d) out
2. She insisted ... me to the doctor's for my annual checkup.
a) for accompanying b) to accompany
c) accompanying d) on accompanying
3. The best time ... roses is November.
a) for planting b) for the plantation of
c) of planting d) you plant
4. They assumed the economy would recover ... itself.
a) in b) to
c) by d) on
5. I've caught a cold, but I will sleep it
a) on b) down
c) off d) up
6. Your brother was the most intelligent man I had ever come
a) by b) across
c) at d) around
7. Mrs Clinton stood ... her man when he was dragged through the mud by the media.
a) off b) down
c) out d) by
8. 5,000 homeless will have been evacuated ... the end of the year.
a) across b) from
c) by d) at the latest
9. Take-off will be delayed ... five minutes.
a) in b) of
c) through d) by
10. Let's try and talk this thing ... like mature adults.
a) through b) in
c) forth d) away
11. It's ... from here to the nearest station.
a) far away b) a long way
c) distant d) a long time

a b c d
+3 -1 0a b c d
+3 -1 0a b c d
+3 -1 0a b c d
+3 -1 0a b c d
+3 -1 0a b c d
+3 -1 0a b c d
+3 -1 0a b c d
+3 -1 0a b c d
+3 -1 0a b c d
+3 -1 0

a b c d

13. Britain's proposals were ... greater democracy in the territory.

- a) from
b) to
c) for
d) of

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

14. It would be unwise to underestimate the task they face ... trying to finish the job on time.

- a) for
b) by
c) in
d) with

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

15. I have not heard ... him since his last letter.

- a) about
b) by
c) from
d) of

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

16. Nobody can have welcomed the news with ... such mixed feelings.

- a) fairly
b) rather
c) almost
d) quite

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

17. It is almost a year to ... since the drought started.

- a) the day
b) a day
c) yesterday
d) day

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

18. Since the President's aims are not clear, nobody really knows what he is ...

- a) prior to
b) subsequent to
c) before
d) after

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

19. Their courage in saying what they really thought made the others feel guilty ...

- a) in order not to speak up
b) with a view to not speaking up
c) so as not to speak up
d) about not speaking up

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

20. The people in the flat above dropped ... us last night for a chat.

- a) round on
b) in on
c) down on
d) on to

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

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PRÉPOSITIONS / POSTPOSITIONS 10

1. "... Delors!" read the oh-so-subtle headline in *The Sun*.

- a) Down yours
b) By yours
c) Inside yours
d) Up yours

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

2. Andrew has decided to ... a scholarship to study physics at University College.

- a) put out of
b) put in for
c) go in for
d) cop out of

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

3. Don't be ... by Peter's persuasiveness, he's really only interested in himself.

- a) taken out
b) taken in
c) taken aback
d) taken up

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

4. Angela ... quite a lot of money when her uncle died.

- a) came into
b) came by
c) came for
d) came over

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

5. These films have been lent ... us ... the local representative ... Warner Brothers.

- a) for / of / by
b) from / to / for
c) by / on / at
d) to / by / of

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

6. ... my horror, the beautiful blonde sitting next to me on the Orient Express ... to be a man in drag. What is the world coming to?

- a) In / turned up
b) For / came in
c) At / came on
d) To / turned out

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

7. An increasing number of people are turned ... by politics. They think that politicians are not to be trusted.

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

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

8. Fiscal policy is ... corporate investment.

- a) instrumental into determine
b) instrumental in determining
c) instrumental by determining
d) instrumental at determining

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

9. Please ... the World Wildlife Fund ... \$50.

- a) make a check out / to
b) make out a check to / for
c) make a check for / to
d) make a check to / for the amount

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

10. A report card may sound like a gimmick, but it should be seen in the context ... a presidential administration to educate Americans about the realities we face.

- a) of the need of
- b) of the need for
- c) of the needs for
- d) of the needs of

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

11. The new CEO has promised ...

- a) to turn things around in the very near future
- b) to turn around things in the very near future
- c) to turn things around in a very near future
- d) to turn things around in a very near term

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

12. ... my sincerest apologies ... this unfortunate incident.

- a) Please to accept / concerning
- b) Be pleased to accept / regarding
- c) Please accept / for
- d) I beg you accept / for

a	b	-c	d
+3	-1	0	

13. ... the project was an utter failure.

- a) In this point of view
- b) In these points of view
- c) From this point of view
- d) On this point of view

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

14. The cinema is not ...; it's just three blocks down the street ...

- a) away / on your right
- b) away / on the right
- c) far / on your right
- d) far / towards the right

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

15. The accountant was dismissed from her position ...

- a) because her financial records were improperly
- b) because financewise she kept poor records
- c) to keep improper financial records
- d) for keeping improper financial records

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

16. Most companies learn to beat the taxman ... his own game.

- a) at
- b) with
- c) for
- d) on

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

17. Alfred found it difficult to ... work again after the holidays.

- a) go in for
- b) go up for
- c) get on for
- d) get down to

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

18. You will really have to work hard if you want ... the other students.

19. The assembly-line workers ... a 15% wage-increase as they had not had a raise for two years.

- a) applied to
- b) put in for
- c) came in for
- d) took out of

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

20. The school placed an order ... 30 copies ... *Great Expectations* ... a bookseller ... London.

- a) from / for / by / at
- b) with / for / from / at
- c) of / for / to / in
- d) for / of / with / in

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

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PRÉPOSITIONS / POSTPOSITIONS 11

1. The bank manager told John that he had ... too much money and was now seriously overdrawn.
 a) taken back
 b) taken out
 c) taken from
 d) taken away
2. In order to ... going to school Jennifer told her mother she had a bad sore throat.
 a) get out of
 b) get rid of
 c) get away from
 d) get into
3. The explorer Stanley ... for Africa to try and make contact with Dr Livingstone.
 a) got out
 b) went
 c) made out
 d) set out
4. "When you go to London, be sure to ... my brother. I know he'd like to see you."
 a) look at
 b) look back
 c) look up
 d) look for
5. Australia and France came close ... breaking ... diplomatic relations.
 a) to / off
 b) by / down
 c) from / off
 d) ø / up
6. Everyone hopes that war will not ... between Greece and Turkey.
 a) break out
 b) go off
 c) fall out
 d) set off
7. Agnes was very ... when she read the abysmal reviews of the film she had directed.
 a) put in
 b) put up
 c) put down
 d) put out
8. Business thrives ... challenges, novelty and experience.
 a) by
 b) on
 c) in
 d) with
9. The accused is awaiting ... trial ... a murder charge.
 a) ø / on
 b) ø / at
 c) for / on
 d) for / at
10. The bullet missed me ... inches.
 a) of
 b) off
 c) from
 d) by

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

11. The gloom and doom of recent years has been ... depressing ... words.

- a) too / for
 b) so / in
 c) much / for
 d) very / in

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

12. While modern technology depends ... science, science had virtually ... influence on technology until the 19th century.

- a) on / no
 b) in / any
 c) from / much
 d) of / none

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

13. My washing machine has ... so I'm going to the launderette.

- a) gone out
 b) broken down
 c) run down
 d) run out

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

14. I can't understand the reasons for ...

- a) he didn't come
 b) his not coming
 c) not him to come
 d) not his coming

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

15. You're really late! I've been waiting for you ... past half hour.

- a) that
 b) for
 c) this
 d) a

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

16. We have not quite reached the stage yet ... smoking is socially outlawed.

- a) of
 b) where
 c) for
 d) whose

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

17. As densely populated as the city is, there are surprisingly few people seen ... the streets.

- a) to
 b) at
 c) of
 d) in

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

18. He spent his vacation in North Korea, ... all places.

- a) of
 b) in
 c) at
 d) from

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

19. They will jail them for ... seven years.

- a) up for
 b) up to
 c) until
 d) till

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

20. The magazine comes out ...

- a) on the Monday
 b) on Mondays
 c) the Mondays
 d) the Monday

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

PRÉPOSITIONS / POSITIONS 12

- 1. Their monopoly ... just two years.
a) runs out in b) runs out into
c) runs in d) runs out
- 2. ... your point of view, you will either hate this proposal or love it!
a) Depending on b) It depends on
c) Depending from d) Dependent from
- 3. Several new ideas were experimented ... the prototype.
a) out with b) on
c) with d) with on
- 4. We are banking ... success, ... failure.
a) for / not b) on / no
c) on / not d) for / no
- 5. The city has grown ... a shanty-town ... a sprawling metropolis.
a) out of / in b) from / into
c) from / in d) out of / onto
- 6. She enjoys watching soaps because it keeps her ... bored.
a) on being b) being
c) not being d) from being
- 7. To make the right choice, you need to know what's ...
a) in offer b) offering
c) on offer d) in-offering
- 8. Remember you've had the benefit ... a company car.
a) of using b) to use
c) using d) while using
- 9. She warned him ... any action at all.
a) of taking b) to take
c) not to take d) of not taking
- 10. Are the IRA really serious ... for peace?
a) they work b) about working
c) to working d) to work
- 11. She's shown herself ... seeing what needs doing.

- 13. I tried to mend it, but it ... just fallen ... again.
a) has / in parts b) has / apart
c) is / apart d) is / a part
- 14. Be careful ... what you write, Big Brother is going to read you.
a) for b) of
c) to d) on
- 15. Last month saw a big drop ... savings.
a) from b) of
c) by d) in
- 16. You are ... the new project.
a) responsible of b) charged with
c) responsible for d) in charge from
- 17. Who did you borrow it ...?
a) from b) at
c) by d) to
- 18. The train was neither a second early nor a second late; it arrived exactly ... time.
a) in b) at
c) on d) to
- 19. Yet another dispute over fishing rights has strained relations ... Britain and Spain.
a) against b) among
c) between d) beneath
- 20. They hope to uphold Japanese traditions ... age-old customs.
a) despite the following of
b) by following
c) are to follow
d) that are followed by

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PRÉPOSITIONS / POSTPOSITIONS 14

1. "I wouldn't wear purple, it doesn't ... your complexion."
 a) go with
 c) make up
 b) turn off
 d) sort out
2. I blamed ... my umbrella behind.
 a) me for leaving
 c) myself of having left
 b) me to have left
 d) myself for leaving
3. The sponsoring firm refused to renew a two-year contract with a female athlete because she had taken time ... to have a baby.
 a) in
 c) on
 b) away
 d) off
4. Doesn't that washerwoman I took pictures ... remind you of the one that made the famous washing-powder commercial?
 a) of
 c) \emptyset
 b) from her
 d) of her
5. The need ... drastic change may prove compelling.
 a) of
 c) to
 b) for
 d) with
6. The law should provide ... temporary cash-flow difficulties by forcing solvent debtors to pay their bills.
 a) for
 c) to
 b) with
 d) of
7. There will be no increase ... oil prices.
 a) for
 c) in
 b) by
 d) about
8. Can you tell me the name of the composer who was awarded the prize ... the best soundtrack of the year?
 a) to write
 c) for writing
 b) to have written
 d) for he wrote
9. She went to a witch-doctor's ... a miracle cure.
 a) hoping
 c) hoping for
 b) in hoping
 d) with hoping for
10. His car had broken down, therefore he came to school ...
 a) by feet
 c) at foot
 b) on foot
 d) on feet

12. The train broke down twice. Nevertheless, it came in ...

- a) on time
 c) at time
 b) to time
 d) by time

a b c d
 +3 -1 0

13. The disgruntled customer complained to the manager ... the food.

- a) of
 c) about
 b) from
 d) to

a b c d
 +3 -1 0

14. It is different this time ...

- a) around
 c) akin
 b) anew
 d) about

a b c d
 +3 -1 0

15. ... General Motors' standards, the new CEO is moving fast.

- a) By
 c) With
 b) To
 d) For

a b c d
 +3 -1 0

16. We bulk-buy products ... Wal-Mart because its prices are cheaper than the wholesalers'.

- a) for
 c) to
 b) from
 d) by

a b c d
 +3 -1 0

17. I know it's a boring task, but don't put it ... until tomorrow, do it right now!

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

a b c d
 +3 -1 0

18. The Chancellor of the Exchequer was praised ... growth.

- a) for stimulating
 c) to have stimulated
 b) for stimulate
 d) to stimulate

a b c d
 +3 -1 0

19. If you take the motorway, you should be able to get there ... less than two hours.

- a) by
 c) under
 b) in
 d) after

a b c d
 +3 -1 0

20. There is, however, no cause ... alarm.

- a) to
 c) of
 b) at
 d) for

a b c d
 +3 -1 0

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PRÉPOSITIONS / POSTPOSITIONS 15

1. The domestic news editor is known ... conservative views.

- a) for his
b) as his
c) for their
d) as their

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

2. After he was abducted, his family received no news ... several days.

- a) since
b) before
c) while
d) for

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

3. There was a decline in public spending ... a peak of 67% ... around 50%.

- a) from / to
b) to / from
c) between / and
d) of / by

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

4. It is hard to be punished ... orthodox.

- a) for not being
b) to being
c) for not to be
d) and being

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

5. Many farms would have disappeared ... the long-awaited subsidies provided by the EC.

- a) except
b) for
c) because
d) but for

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

6. Metal discovered early on was too precious; it was melted ... and used ..., leaving nothing for the archaeologist.

- a) down / again
b) out / up
c) away / up
d) in / again

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

7. No one can blame Labour delegates ... being obsessed ... the government.

- a) on / in
b) at / about
c) for / with
d) for / in

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

8. Put our man ... and we will make this country fit to live ...

- a) forth / on
b) in / on
c) in / in
d) forward / for

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

9. New Media TV got a contract ... "lifestyle" programming.

- a) on
b) with
c) for
d) about

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

10. Left ... their own devices, our subsidiaries would soon ...

11. Such comforts allow people who might otherwise be put ..., to enjoy Africa.

- a) away
b) aside
c) off
d) through

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

12. He has never ... living memory been associated with a cabal.

- a) of
b) for
c) from
d) within

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

13. You can get your grieving ... and get ... with your life.

- a) out / on
b) away / off
c) over / on
d) off / by

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

14. Mc Alpine was heart-broken ...

- a) for her going
b) her gone
c) at her going
d) by her going

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

15. The re-election campaign is getting ... way.

- a) on
b) under
c) in
d) by

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

16. The Atlantic provinces are cut off ... English-speaking Canada.

- a) of
b) ø
c) at
d) from

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

17. Don't be so bloody depressing! There is a hell of a lot to be optimistic ...! Life is wonderful and there's so much worth living for. Come on, snap ... it!

- a) for / into
b) to / away from
c) about / out of
d) ø / back into

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

18. He said goodbye to friends, expressing regret ... leaving.

- a) at
b) to
c) of
d) with

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

19. The money went ... new programmes.

- a) from
b) by
c) into
d) at

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

20. In that company, you had only to mention football ... a heated argument to start.

- a) with
b) and
c) about
d) for

a	b	c	d
+3	-1	0	

