

**Part One**  
**ASPECTS OF GRAMMAR**

**Directions:** Complete the sentences below using the correct alternative from those marked A, B, C, or D.

**The noun** ✓

**Test 1**

1. When I came into \_\_\_ cottage, the family \_\_\_ sitting round the table playing draughts. Draughts \_\_\_ their favourite game. They like to play \_\_\_ in the evenings.  
A the Holley's, were, are, it  
B Holleys, was, are, them  
C the Holleys', were, is, it  
D Holleys's, was, is, them
2. When he was going through a narrow passage between two \_\_\_, he heard \_\_\_. These were his neighbours, two \_\_\_ girls.  
A merrys-go-round, laugh, twenty-years old  
B merry-go-rounds, a laugh, twenty-year old  
C merry-goes-round, laughter, twenty-years old  
D merry-goes-rounds, a laughter, twenty-year old
3. They decided to open a season. Though it was a fashionable party and the walls were decorated with \_\_\_ and \_\_\_, the majority of the guests \_\_\_ wearing jeans and T-shirts.  
A lilies-of-the-valley, forget-me-nots, were  
B lily-of-the-valleys, forget-me-nots, were  
C lilies-of-the-valley, forgets-me-not, was

- D lilies-of-the-valleys, forgets-me-nots, was
4. The \_\_\_ wife was wearing a plain white dress with a string of pearls that cost more than my \_\_\_ salary.  
A governor's-general, two years'  
B governor-general's, two years'  
C governor-general, two years  
D governor's-general's, two-year
5. He pulled off his gloves and put \_\_\_ onto the dressing table. She noticed that \_\_\_ brand new. So was his hat.  
A it, it was  
B it, they were  
C them, it was  
D them, they were
6. He conducted a lot of \_\_\_ into \_\_\_ but \_\_\_ a failure.  
A researches, hay fevers, they were  
B research, hay fever, it was  
C researches, hay fever, it was  
D research, hay fevers, they were
7. The proceeds of the campaign \_\_\_ been spent on the construction of the Children's Care Centre. Road works \_\_\_ being held there to build a new \_\_\_ crossing.  
A has, are, pedestrian's  
B have, are, pedestrian  
C has, is, pedestrians  
D have, is, pedestrians'
8. Look, Mary is playing with the scissors! Take \_\_\_ away from her, \_\_\_ may cut into her fingers.  
A it, it  
B them, it  
C it, they  
D them, they

9. Here \_\_\_ the pocket money my uncle has sent me today. \_\_\_ will be enough to settle all my debts.

- A are, It                      C is, It  
B is, They                     D are, They

10. The criteria \_\_\_ too vague. If there were a sharper \_\_\_ to make our choice, I would be happy.

- A is, criterion                C is, criteria  
B are, criterion               D are, criteria

11. The latest news from the Middle East countries \_\_\_ disturbing. A close-up camera showed a man running somewhere. His face was bruised and his clothes \_\_\_ torn.

- A was, was                    C was, were  
B were, were                  D were, was

12. The premises \_\_\_ big enough, but the inspection took them a lot of \_\_\_, and they had to drive home at \_\_\_.

- A was, time, dusks  
B were, times, a dusk  
C was, times, dusk  
D were, time, dusk

13. The price for \_\_\_ has increased by ten \_\_\_ in the last quarter. Lodgings \_\_\_ very expensive nowadays.

- A an accommodation, per cent, is  
B accommodation, per cent, are  
C accommodations, per cents, is  
D accommodation, per cents, are

14. That species of birds \_\_\_ migrant and \_\_\_ found in Africa in winter. Our surroundings \_\_\_ too severe for such birds and they leave \_\_\_ early in September.

- A is, is, are, them            C is, is, is, it  
B are, are, are, them        D are, are, is, it

15. The crossroads at our supermarket \_\_\_ a dangerous place. The traffic lights will help both pedestrians and drivers to avoid accidents. The police \_\_\_ to set \_\_\_ here.

- A are, needs, them        C are, needs, it  
B is, need, them            D is, need, it

16. Measles \_\_\_ a dangerous disease and a lot of children catch \_\_\_ at an early age.

- A is, them                    C are, them  
B is, it                        D are, it

17. This \_\_\_ the most effective means of production and \_\_\_ can be adjusted to your business in \_\_\_ time.

- A is, it, two month's  
B are, they, a two-months  
C is, they, two-month  
D is, it, two months'

18. The Azores \_\_\_ are dark blue species that require \_\_\_ cultivation in temperate regions.

- A forget-me-nots, greenhouse  
B forgets-me-nots, greenhouse's  
C forget-me-not, greenhouse  
D forgets-me-not, greenhouse's

19. Reliable \_\_\_ about everyday clothing from the past \_\_\_ hard to obtain.

- A evidences, are            C evidences, is  
B evidence, is                D evidence, are

20. These species \_\_\_ protected in national parks and \_\_\_.

- A is, game reserves  
B are, game's reserves  
C are, game reserves  
D is, games reserves

Test 2

1. \_\_\_ depths are usually much greater than \_\_\_ depths because of \_\_\_ low density.  
A Snow, rain, snow  
B Snow's, rain's, snow's  
C Snow; rain, snow's  
D Snow's, rain, snow's
2. \_\_\_ are tiny white bells hanging from a single erect stem about 30 cm tall with the \_\_\_ as a red berry.  
A Lilies-of-the-valley, fruit  
B Lilies-of-the-valley, fruits  
C Lily-of-the-valleys, fruit  
D Lily-of-the-valleys, fruits
3. There \_\_\_ a lot of machinery in the shop and skilled workers operated \_\_\_\_.  
A was, them                      C were, it  
B were, them                      D was, it
4. The \_\_\_ was shaky and he decided to go to the secondhand \_\_\_ store.  
A leg's table, furniture's  
B leg of the table, furniture's  
C table leg, furniture  
D leg's table, furniture
5. One hundred pounds \_\_\_ a large sum for her and she decided to put the money on her \_\_\_ account.  
A was, savings  
B was, saving's  
C were, savings  
D were, saving's
6. Where \_\_\_ Nick's pyjamas? — \_\_\_ on the bed.  
A is, It is                      C is, They are  
B are, They are                D are, It is
7. Bread and cheese \_\_\_ his usual meal and he has been living on \_\_\_ for two months.  
A was, them                      C is, it  
B are, it                          D is, them
8. His \_\_\_ decreased because his salary was cut by 7 \_\_\_\_.  
A earnings, per cent  
B earnings, per cents  
C earning, per cents  
D earning, percentage
9. The producer presented his new \_\_\_ film. The show took \_\_\_ time.  
A two-series, three hour's  
B two-seria, three hours  
C two-series, three hours'  
D two-series', three hour's
10. The story of the magnificent \_\_\_ castle the guide told us about was exciting.  
A five-centuries-old  
B five-century's-old  
C five-century-old  
D five-century-old's
11. This is the \_\_\_ cloakroom, and that one is for \_\_\_\_.  
A ladies', gentlemen's  
B lady's, gentlemen's  
C ladies', gentlemen  
D lady, gentlemen

12. The \_\_\_ at the \_\_\_ talks made a deep influence on everybody.
- A Minister of Foreign Trade's speech, peace's
  - B Minister's of Foreign Trade' speech, peace
  - C Minister of Foreign Trade's speech, peaceful
  - D Minister of Foreign Trade's speech, peace
13. The official \_\_\_ is a table containing the holy days, \_\_\_, and festivals of the church.
- A Christian church calendar, saints' days
  - B Christian's church calendar, saint days
  - C Christian church's calendar, saint's days
  - D Christian's church's calendar, saints' days
14. The most beautiful \_\_\_ of carved jade in the form of ornamental pieces, such as vases, bowls, tablets, and statues, many of which are now \_\_\_, were made in China.
- A specimen, museum pieces
  - B specimens, museum pieces
  - C specimen, museum's pieces
  - D specimens, museum's pieces
15. Various \_\_\_ of the \_\_\_ are cereals, cultivated for their \_\_\_, which is used as food.
- A species, grass family, seed
  - B speci, grass family, seeds
  - C species, grass's family, seed
  - D speci, grass's family, seeds
16. The stone identified as a \_\_\_ was the first step in opening the \_\_\_ fields of that region, which have become the greatest in the world.
- A 21-carats diamond, diamonds
  - B 21-carat diamond, diamonds
  - C 21-carat diamond's, diamond's
  - D 21-carat diamond, diamond
17. She was well aware of her extraordinary good looks, and was perfectly prepared to discuss \_\_\_, just as a man seven \_\_\_ high might talk of advantages and inconveniences of being tall.
- A them, foot
  - B it, foot
  - C them, feet
  - D it, feet
18. There \_\_\_ enough \_\_\_ to suggest that job stress may increase a man's risk of dying from \_\_\_ disease.
- A are, evidences, hearts
  - B is, evidence, heart
  - C is, evidence, heart's
  - D are, evidence, heart
19. At its height in the early 1900s, the British Empire included over 20 \_\_\_ of the \_\_\_ land area and more than 400 \_\_\_ people.
- A percents, world, million
  - B percent, world's, millions
  - C percent, world's, million
  - D percents, worlds', million
20. The \_\_\_ history goes back to 1808.
- A state's newspaper's
  - B state's newspaper
  - C state newspaper's
  - D state newspapers'