Paradigmatic distractors

(1) I had started to feel very tired and I decided to try and find somewhere to (         ) a sleep.
a. experience    b. have    c. own    d. receive

(2) Friends like to be given something you’ve taken (         ) and trouble to make for them.
a. moments    b. morning    c. period    d. time

(3) She could (         ) his face quite clearly, as it was lit by the gas street lamp just a few feet behind him.
a. learn    b. feel    c. hear    d. see

(4) One of the most important (         ) of the car is the journey to work.
a. activities    b. plays    c. practices    d. uses

(5) The young of many species take cover as soon as an alarm (         ) is given.
a. call    b. demand    c. laugh    d. speech

(6) Look through magazines to (         ) the kind of style you’d like.
a. find    b. happen    c. rule    d. turn

(7) Let me (         ) to explain what I mean.
a. create    b. measure    c. surprise    d. try

(8) The couple (         ) together in the village of Bramsford, about five miles from Worcester.
a. attended    b. covered    c. lived    d. passed

(9) Remember to fill in your medical card and (         ) it inside your hat in case of injury.
a. draw    b. move    c. order    d. place

(10) The profits fall was blamed on wet weather in the early (         ) of year.
a. character    b. part    c. piece    d. role

(11) He told me of a new (         ) just completed, where Aunt Louise had been offered a place.
a. environment    b. home    c. plate    d. point

(12) She waved her (         ) in front of her and she said: My daughter wrote the best art book ever written.
a. ability    b. hand    c. power    d. skill
(13) The decision to (         ) the car was taken last November, not long after Rolls-Royce insisted that an introduction was still several years away.
   a. express                b. prove                c. show                d. teach

(14) They must consider what the journey will (         ) to them and what they will be leaving behind.
   a. design                b. mean                c. mention                d. remember

(15) For anyone who goes out to work or has to (         ) home early during the week the garden is a weekends-only pleasure for almost half of the year.
   a. fly                b. forget                c. leave                d. spread

(16) I (         ) my eyes on it the whole time, he wrote.
   a. continued                b. kept                c. prevented                d. saved

(17) The bottles you buy today contain rain (         ) which fell up to 80 years ago.
   a. ice                b. sea                c. tear                d. water

(18) One brings the patient's (         ) forward, so that he is sitting up but relaxed.
   a. brain                b. face                c. head                d. mind

(19) I returned his wave, and started to (         ) towards him.
   a. follow                b. carry                c. travel                d. walk

(20) Entries for the awards (         ) at the beginning of October.
   a. close                b. decide                c. fall                d. gain

(21) We surely have all faced the (         ) that the world is in real danger of overpopulation.
   a. detail                b. example                c. fact                d. information

(22) (         ) quietly for about five minutes in any busy shop and study the different shoppers.

(23) Their school was nine miles from Mbaga and there was no time after school finished in the evening for the teacher and his wife to (         ) home before dark.
   a. offer                b. process                c. return                d. step

(24) It was all forest here once, and then, (         ) ago, there was a flood; the forest sank down under the sea.
   a. ages                b. degrees                c. histories                d. youths
(25) Most gas regions and electricity (         ) will make arrangements for you to pay what you like when you like towards your next bill.
   a. companies  b. forces  c. militaries  d. relationships

(26) He has put in an application to build a restaurant and car park on some of his remaining (         ).
   a. earth  b. floor  c. ground  d. land

(27) Perhaps she loved him — there is every (         ) to suppose he was attractive to women.
   a. explanation  b. reason  c. score  d. statement

(28) It is important, however, to (         ) this work from the fiction of, say, B. S. Johnson and Christine Brooke-Rose.
   a. define  b. distinguish  c. identify  d. spot

(29) A common public (         ) is that the Aquino government is doing something that goes against the time-honored Filipino tradition and cultural values.
   a. aspect  b. gaze  c. perception  d. survey

(30) They (         ) health and help prevent illness in the first place.
   a. acquire  b. feed  c. prefer  d. promote

(31) He heard the clean (         ) of a leg bone but did not lose consciousness.
   a. crack  b. fault  c. hole  d. impression

(32) Each child's home (         ) is different, and not all children will want to talk about it in school.
   a. circumstance  b. climate  c. evidence  d. repair

(33) Unless the sea is very shallow the plants must (         ).
   a. blow  b. float  c. seek  d. swing

(34) There may be a danger that similar problems will (         ) in Italy.
   a. arise  b. bow  c. root  d. sink

(35) Pearce pauses for reflection when asked to define the qualities which took him to the top with such apparent (         ).
   a. ease  b. comfort  c. relief  d. status
(36) We don't like failing; it hurts our (          ); it brings us down to the dust.
   a. complex       b. desire       c. pleasure       d. pride

(37) Entire tribes have disappeared as a result of forest (          ).
   a. conclusion     b. defeat       c. destruction     d. release

(38) Without speaking he lifted his (          ) as they passed.
   a. cap           b. roof         c. scale          d. screen

(39) It is my job to (          ) the chances and then it is up to Frank to take them.
   a. adopt         b. assume       c. crash          d. grab

(40) As we pass one café, the waiters race out to (          ) tables and chairs inside.
   a. attract       b. breathe      c. drag           d. stretch
Syntagmatic distractors

(1) I had started to feel very tired and I decided to try and find somewhere to (         ) a sleep.
   a. lose                   b. have                   c. need                   d. want

(2) Friends like to be given something you’ve taken (         ) and trouble to make for them.
   a. look                   b. lead                   c. surprise               d. time

(3) She could (         ) his face quite clearly, as it was lit by the gas street lamp just a few feet
    behind him.
   a. hide                   b. pull                   c. wash                   d. see

(4) One of the most important (         ) of the car is the journey to work.
   a. differences            b. questions             c. sources               d. uses

(5) The young of many species take cover as soon as an alarm (         ) is given.
   a. call                   b. baby                   c. police                 d. radio

(6) Look through magazines to (         ) the kind of style you’d like.
   a. find                   b. play                   c. step                   d. travel

(7) Let me (         ) to explain what I mean.
   a. listen                 b. produce                c. understand            d. try

(8) The couple (         ) together in the village of Bramsford, about five miles from Worcester.
   a. brought                b. grouped                c. lived                  d. separated

(9) Remember to fill in your medical card and (         ) it inside your hat in case of injury.
   a. buy                    b. forget                 c. receive                d. place

(10) The profits fall was blamed on wet weather in the early (         ) of year.
    a. century                b. part                   c. generation            d. history

(11) He told me of a new (         ) just completed, where Aunt Louise had been offered a place.
    a. idea                   b. home                   c. job                    d. law

(12) She waved her (         ) in front of her and she said: My daughter wrote the best art book
    ever written.
    a. air                     b. hand                   c. face                   d. seat
(13) The decision to (         ) the car was taken last November, not long after Rolls-Royce insisted that an introduction was still several years away.
- fit
- hit
- show
- climb

(14) They must consider what the journey will (         ) to them and what they will be leaving behind.
- continue
- mean
- end
- meet

(15) For anyone who goes out to work or has to (         ) home early during the week the garden is a weekends-only pleasure for almost half of the year.
- build
- stay
- leave
- visit

(16) I (         ) my eyes on it the whole time, he wrote.
- dried
- kept
- hurt
- rolled

(17) The bottles you buy today contain rain (         ) which fell up to 80 years ago.
- forest
- sky
- window
- water

(18) One brings the patient's (         ) forward, so that he is sitting up but relaxed.
- disease
- hospital
- head
- pain

(19) I returned his wave, and started to (         ) towards him.
- cry
- eat
- smoke
- walk

(20) Entries for the awards (         ) at the beginning of October.
- close
- judge
- read
- send

(21) We surely have all faced the (         ) that the world is in real danger of overpopulation.
- charge
- demand
- fact
- future

(22) (         ) quietly for about five minutes in any busy shop and study the different shoppers.
- Agree
- Say
- Sleep
- Stand

(23) Their school was nine miles from Mbaga and there was no time after school finished in the evening for the teacher and his wife to (         ) home before dark.
- invite
- own
- return
- welcome

(24) It was all forest here once, and then, (         ) ago, there was a flood; the forest sank down under the sea.
- ages
- couples
- moments
- while
(25) Most gas regions and electricity (         ) will make arrangements for you to pay what you like when you like towards your next bill.
   a. companies   b. oil   c. power   d. price

(26) He has put in an application to build a restaurant and car park on some of his remaining (         ).
   a. patient   b. ticket   c. year   d. land

(27) Perhaps she loved him — there is every (         ) to suppose he was attractive to women.
   a. day   b. reason   c. effort   d. word

(28) It is important, however, to (         ) this work from the fiction of, say, B. S. Johnson and Christine Brooke-Rose.
   a. concentrate   b. distinguish   c. repair   d. fund

(29) A common public (         ) is that the Aquino government is doing something that goes against the time-honored Filipino tradition and cultural values.
   a. access   b. relation   c. perception   d. transport

(30) They (         ) health and help prevent illness in the first place.
   a. deliver   b. debate   c. threaten   d. promote

(31) He heard the clean (         ) of a leg bone but did not lose consciousness.
   a. crack   b. coal   c. sheet   d. shirt

(32) Each child's home (         ) is different, and not all children will want to talk about it in school.
   a. circumstance   b. department   c. guard   d. responsibility

(33) Unless the sea is very shallow the plants must (         ).
   a. operate   b. float   c. root   d. shut

(34) There may be a danger that similar problems will (         ) in Italy.
   a. arise   b. associate   c. encounter   d. overcome

(35) Pearce pauses for reflection when asked to define the qualities which took him to the top with such apparent (         ).
   a. ease   b. discussion   c. desire   d. loss
We don't like failing; it hurts our pride; it brings us down to the dust.

Entire tribes have disappeared as a result of forest destruction.

Without speaking he lifted his cap as they passed.

It is my job to blow the chances and then it is up to Frank to take them.

As we pass one café, the waiters race out to reserve tables and chairs inside.
Control distractors

(1) I had started to feel very tired and I decided to try and find somewhere to ( ) a sleep.
   a. guess       b. have       c. order       d. vote

(2) Friends like to be given something you’ve taken ( ) and trouble to make for them.
   a. letters     b. mouths     c. trees      d. time

(3) She could ( ) his face quite clearly, as it was lit by the gas street lamp just a few feet behind him.
   a. buy         b. develop    c. fall       d. see

(4) One of the most important ( ) of the car is the journey to work.
   a. horses      b. hotels     c. water      d. uses

(5) The young of many species take cover as soon as an alarm ( ) is given.
   a. call        b. art        c. star       d. top

(6) Look through magazines to ( ) the kind of style you’d like.
   a. find        b. drink      c. finish     d. wonder

(7) Let me ( ) to explain what I mean.
   a. clean       b. cost       c. fear       d. try

(8) The couple ( ) together in the village of Bramsford, about five miles from Worcester.
   a. attempted   b. increased  c. lived      d. measured

(9) Remember to fill in your medical card and ( ) it inside your hat in case of injury.
   a. let         b. love       c. start     d. place

(10) The profits fall was blamed on wet weather in the early ( ) of year.
    a. college     b. part       c. sister    d. decision

(11) He told me of a new ( ) just completed, where Aunt Louise had been offered a place.
    a. language    b. home       c. money     d. war

(12) She waved her ( ) in front of her and she said: My daughter wrote the best art book ever written.
    a. kitchen     b. hand       c. surface   d. wall
(13) The decision to (         ) the car was taken last November, not long after Rolls-Royce insisted that an introduction was still several years away.
   a. begin       b. date       c. show       d. save

(14) They must consider what the journey will (         ) to them and what they will be leaving behind.
   a. cut         b. mean       c. run        d. wait

(15) For anyone who goes out to work or has to (         ) home early during the week the garden is a weekends-only pleasure for almost half of the year.
   a. continue    b. decide     c. leave      d. miss

(16) I (         ) my eyes on it the whole time, he wrote.
   a. owned       b. kept       c. separated d. valued

(17) The bottles you buy today contain rain (         ) which fell up to 80 years ago.
   a. milk        b. moment     c. practice   d. water

(18) One brings the patient's (         ) forward, so that he is sitting up but relaxed.
   a. method      b. sale       c. head       d. south

(19) I returned his wave, and started to (         ) towards him.
   a. list        b. pick       c. win        d. walk

(20) Entries for the awards (         ) at the beginning of October.
   a. close       b. bring      c. grow       d. meet

(21) We surely have all faced the (         ) that the world is in real danger of overpopulation.
   a. attention   b. court      c. fact       d. stone

(22) (         ) quietly for about five minutes in any busy shop and study the different shoppers.
   a. Dream       b. Improve    c. Share      d. Stand

(23) Their school was nine miles from Mbaga and there was no time after school finished in the evening for the teacher and his wife to (         ) home before dark.
   a. doubt       b. lack       c. return     d. stress

(24) It was all forest here once, and then, (         ) ago, there was a flood; the forest sank down under the sea.
   a. ages        b. churches   c. legs       d. memories
(25) Most gas regions and electricity ( ) will make arrangements for you to pay what you like when you like towards your next bill.
   a. companies   b. materials   c. roles   d. science

(26) He has put in an application to build a restaurant and car park on some of his remaining ( ).
   a. bag   b. manager   c. pound   d. land

(27) Perhaps she loved him — there is every ( ) to suppose he was attractive to women.
   a. club   b. reason   c. garden   d. product

(28) It is important, however, to ( ) this work from the fiction of, say, B. S. Johnson and Christine Brooke-Rose.
   a. bother   b. complain   c. distinguish   d. satisfy

(29) A common public ( ) is that the Aquino government is doing something that goes against the time-honored Filipino tradition and cultural values.
   a. factory   b. origin   c. perception   d. prize

(30) They ( ) health and help prevent illness in the first place.
   a. access   b. burst   c. sink   d. promote

(31) He heard the clean ( ) of a leg bone but did not lose consciousness.
   a. crack   b. crew   c. iron   d. route

(32) Each child's home ( ) is different, and not all children will want to talk about it in school.
   a. circumstance   b. competition   c. length   d. whisper

(33) Unless the sea is very shallow the plants must ( ).
   a. earn   b. float   c. excuse   d. respond

(34) There may be a danger that similar problems will ( ) in Italy.
   a. arise   b. borrow   c. estimate   d. vary

(35) Pearce pauses for reflection when asked to define the qualities which took him to the top with such apparent ( ).
   a. ease   b. bill   c. aspect   d. path
(36) We don’t like failing; it hurts our (         ); it brings us down to the dust.
   a. agriculture       b. pride       c. universe       d. wealth

(37) Entire tribes have disappeared as a result of forest (         ).
   a. congress           b. habit       c. destruction    d. prince

(38) Without speaking he lifted his (         ) as they passed.
   a. cap               b. bone        c. minister      d. museum

(39) It is my job to (         ) the chances and then it is up to Frank to take them.
   a. float             b. impress     c. rescue       d. grab

(40) As we pass one café, the waiters race out to (         ) tables and chairs inside.
   a. advise            b. deny        c. drag         d. indicate