

English – Advanced Vocabulary: The Parliamentary Candidate

1. There was absolutely no _____ that Henry Orpington liked politics. He talked about politics all the time.
(a) belief (b) concern (c) query (d) doubt
2. All the members of his family were pleased, therefore, when Henry was _____ as the prospective parliamentary candidate for their constituency.
(a) adapted (b) added (c) adopted (d) elected
3. One year later, the date of the general election was _____ by the Prime Minister.
(a) announced (b) denounced (c) presented (d) delivered
4. _____ the election campaign, Henry's wife worked night and day for him.
(a) Through (b) Throughout (c) Though (d) Thorough
5. and he finally _____ a seat in the House of Commons by a large majority.
(a) chose (b) bought (c) derived (d) won
6. Every day of the campaign was a _____
(a) trial (b) experiment (c) challenge (d) achievement
7. but there was one day in particular that Henry would never _____
(a) remember (b) forget (c) discover (d) avoid
8. That was the day he thought he was going to be blown _____ by a bomb.
(a) out (b) over (c) off (d) up
9. On a Friday morning at the start of the campaign, the house phone _____ at 6.30 am.
(a) ringed (b) rung (c) rang (d) wrung
10. Henry got out of bed and ran down the stairs. He _____ who could possibly be ringing at that time.
(a) wondered (b) asked (c) considered (d) believed
11. Henry: "Hello."
Man's voice: "I would like to speak to Mr. Henry Orpington, the parliamentary candidate."
Henry: "Yes,"
(a) talking (b) dictating (c) speaking (d) deciding
12. Man's voice: "Oh, good morning. I want to warn you about a bomb....."
Henry: "A bomb? Where? Hello! We've been _____ off!"
(a) cut (b) shut (c) closed (d) done
13. It was no good. The line had gone _____. As calmly as he could Henry went upstairs to tell his wife the alarming news.
(a) quiet (b) dormant (c) dead (d) still

14. They decided to get dressed at once and take the two girls to their aunt's house. Henry _____ the police but asked them to keep the news from the press.

- (a) instructed (b) directed (c) said (d) informed

15. At 8:30am Henry was in conference with his election agent, Andrew Higgins, at party headquarters.

Andrew: "If you want my opinion, I suggest you cancel all your engagements for today and wait until the police get to the _____ of the matter."

- (a) base (b) end (c) bottom (d) hind

16. Henry: "Certainly not! I'm not going to let _____ be scared by a stupid crank."

- (a) himself (b) itself (c) myself (d) themselves

17. Andrew: "What did the man sound like? Did you recognize his voice?"

Henry: "No, I was half asleep. His voice wasn't familiar but he sounded quite pleasant. He didn't seem to be _____ me."

- (a) punishing (b) threatening (c) hitting (d) striking

18. Andrew: "This is pretty serious. Look, missing one day won't make a lot of difference. I can tell people that you've _____ your voice or something."

- (a) lost (b) missed (c) disturbed (d) forgotten

19. Henry: "No, I'm going to carry on as usual. Think of the advantage it would give my _____ if I were out of the campaign even for one day."

- (a) outsiders (b) opposites (c) opponents (d) onlookers

20. Andrew: "If you say so. But I'd like to make it _____ that I'm totally against it."

- (a) absolute (b) clear (c) defined (d) extreme

21. Henry Orpington's first _____ that day was an open-air meeting on a large housing estate at 10am.

- (a) entrance (b) engagement (c) incitement (d) endeavour

22. As most of the men were _____ work, his audience consisted mainly of women and children.

- (a) on (b) at (c) of (d) out

23. Andrew Higgins kept a close watch on the platform from which Henry was making his speech, while several plainclothes policemen _____ inconspicuously with the crowd.

- (a) meddled (b) moulded (c) mingled (d) melded

24. There was very little reaction to Henry's speech, except from one or two people at the back who kept on asking what Henry's party intended to do about the _____ prices of fruit and vegetables.

- (a) rising (b) raising (c) risen (d) raised

25. After the speech he shook hands with some of the women. One of them lifted up a baby girl for him to kiss, but the _____ of Henry's beard must have frightened her because she began to scream!

- (a) seeing (b) sighting (c) sight (d) scene

26. At eleven o'clock he _____ a visit to a pub on the estate. Henry couldn't offer to buy anyone a drink because he knew very well that his opponents would consider that to be dishonest. So he let one of his supporters buy him a drink instead.
- (a) bought (b) paid (c) sought (d) did
27. At lunch time he went to his sister's house to see his family. They had spent the morning addressing envelopes for leaflets he would send out. His sister, Vera, thoroughly _____ of his involvement in politics.
- (a) disliked (b) discouraged (c) disappointed (d) disapproved
28. Vera: "Now I hope you can see the danger of getting mixed up in politics. You and the family will probably _____ get blown up by a bomb."
Henry: "Don't exaggerate, Vera. I'm sure it's just a joke."
- (a) each (b) every (c) all (d) entirely
29. There was a large crowd in the field when Henry arrived at eight o'clock for what was perhaps the biggest meeting of the _____ campaign. After a hard day's work, hundreds of farmers and farm labourers had come to the field to hear what Henry had to say.
- (a) utter (b) whole (c) absolute (d) lasting
30. Henry: "Ladies and gentlemen, I appreciate the anxiety you must all feel about support for your farms. I too have been a farmer and I know the difficulties you are experiencing, and so..."
Voice from the crowd: "... and so you've decided to become an M.P. and get rich!"
Henry: "No, my friend. I want to give the farmers a _____ in the House of Commons."
- (a) sound (b) speech (c) noise (d) voice
31. The crowd remained good-natured for the first part of his speech and Henry was feeling pleased with himself. And then, _____ half a dozen tractors roared onto the field.
- (a) automatically (b) particularly (c) suddenly (d) especially
32. "Do you like tomatoes?" shouted one of the tractor drivers. Henry _____ for a moment and then replied: "Yes, I like them very much."
- (a) delayed (b) stumbled (c) stated (d) hesitated
33. "Well, we can't sell them at a profit," said the tractor driver, "because the imported ones are too cheap. So instead of letting them go to _____, you can have them!"
- (a) loss (b) disaster (c) waste (d) rubbish
34. It was then that Henry _____ that the tractors were full of tomatoes, which the farmers started to throw at him. Unfortunately for Henry, two of them hit him in the face.
- (a) noticed (b) decided (c) believed (d) remarked
35. He realized that he had to say something quickly to _____ the crowd's confidence. "Thank you for your generous gift, but I really prefer them in sandwiches. And now"
- (a) acquire (b) win (c) gain (d) get
36. The crowd started to _____ and Henry managed to finish his speech without further interruptions. In the meantime the police had made a thorough search of Henry's house and assured him that there were no hidden bombs. Henry went back to his sister's house.
- (a) cry (b) call (c) weep (d) cheer

37. Vera: "I've got some dinner ready. I'm sure you must be _____."

- (a) fasting (b) eating (c) starving (d) munching

38. Henry: "You shouldn't have bothered. We can all go back home now. The police have _____ the house thoroughly and found nothing at all."

Vera: "Well, at least stay and eat the nice salad I've made."

Henry: "All right, Vera. But I don't want any tomatoes!"

- (a) searched (b) found (c) looked (d) hunted

39. After dinner, Henry and his family went home. Later that evening the phone rang.

Man's voice: "Oh, Mr. Orpington. I've been trying to reach you all day. This is Paul Harris. I called you this morning but I was cut off. It was a bad line."

Henry: "Well, what about the bomb?"

Harris: "The bomb? What on _____ do you mean?"

Henry: "That's what I'd like to know. You wanted to warn me about a bomb."

- (a) land (b) ground (c) mud (d) earth

40. Harris: "Oh, dear! I'm afraid there's been a misunderstanding. I didn't have time to finish my sentence. You see, I _____ some farmers planning to break up your meeting."

Henry: "I don't see what all this has to do with a bomb."

Harris: "Well, if we hadn't been cut off, I was going to warn you about a bombardment of tomatoes!"

- (a) listened (b) saw (c) heard (d) noticed