

II. Choose the one word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

1. Because of the global recession, the company has decided to many middle managers.

- ① hire ② lay down ③ lay off ④ spare

2. The winter in Vancouver is relatively mild in the rest of Canada it can be brutally cold.

- ① despite ② during ③ which ④ while

3. The research we conducted proved conclusively that dinosaurs became extinct as a of a sudden climate change.

- ① by-product ② means ③ phenomenon ④ result

4. The 200 Aboriginal languages of Australia belong to a of their own.

- ① family ② history ③ language ④ species

5. In any natural history of the world, language would stand out as the preeminent .

- ① characteristic ② communication ③ description ④ signal

6. He is such a genius that he comes a solution to any problem.

- ① down to ② in with ③ on to ④ up with

7. The professor was so confusing that I could not make anything what he said.

- ① instead of ② out of ③ sense of ④ short of

8. To be a good problem solver, you need the ability to any situation quickly.

- ① cheer up ② size up ③ turn up ④ work up

9. Would you take my responsibilities while I'm on vacation?

- ① away ② over ③ upon ④ with

10. Some people hold their beliefs very strongly, even to the of being prepared to go to prison for them.

- ① extend ② extension ③ extent ④ exterior

11. The whole week Michael was preparing like for the job interview.

- ① fantastic ② mad ③ neat ④ suicidal

12. Twenty million people will face starvation a vast emergency program is launched.

- ① because ② if ③ since ④ unless

13. The of influenza in Europe is expected to have a bad impact on the region's economy.

- ① crumble ② decline ③ outbreak ④ relief

14. He condemned the hypocrisy of those politicians who say one thing and do .

- ① another ② better ③ other ④ worse

15. The company's president was with false advertising and fraud.

- ① accused ② charged ③ convinced ④ escaped