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Read the following passage and answer the question that follows:

In the 16th century, an age of great marine and terrestrial exploration, Ferdinand Magellan led the first expedition to sail around the world. As a young Portuguese noble, he served the king of Portugal, but he became involved in the quagmire of political intrigue at court and lost the king's favour. After he was dismissed from service by the king of Portugal, he offered to serve the future Emperor Charles V of Spain.

A papal decree of 1493 had assigned all land in the New World west of 50 degrees W longitude to Spain and all the land east of that line to Portugal. Magellan offered to prove that the East Indies fell under Spanish authority. On September 20, 1519, Magellan set sail from Spain with five ships. More than a year later, one of these ships was exploring the topography of South America in search of a water route across the continent. This ship sank, but the remaining four ships searched along the southern peninsula of South America. Finally they found the passage they sought near 50 degrees S latitude. Magellan named this passage the Strait of All Saints, but today it is known as the Strait of Magellan.

One ship deserted while in this passage and returned to Spain, so fewer sailors were privileged to gaze at that first panorama of the Pacific Ocean. Those who remained crossed the meridian now known as the International Date Line in the early spring of 1521 after 98 days on the Pacific Ocean. During those long days at sea, many of Magellan's men died of starvation and disease.

Later, Magellan became involved in an insular conflict in the Philippines and was killed in a tribal battle. Only one ship and 17 sailors under the command of the Basque navigator Elcano survived to complete the westward journey to Spain and thus prove once and for all that the world is round, with no precipice at the edge

Question 1 to 7, choose the best reply to complete the sentence.

1. The 16th century was an age of great _____ exploration.
A. cosmic B. land C. mental D. common man E. None of the above
2. Magellan lost the favour of the king of Portugal when he became involved in a political _____.
A. Entanglement B. Discussion C. Negotiation D. Problem E. None of the above
3. The Pope divided New World lands between Spain and Portugal according to their location on one side or the other of an imaginary geographical line 50 degrees west of Greenwich that extends in a _____ direction.
A. north and south B. crosswise C. easterly D. south east E. north and west
4. One of Magellan's ships explored the _____ of South America for a passage across the continent.

- A. coastline B. mountain range C. physical features D. islands E. None of the above
5. Four of the ships sought a passage along a southern _____.
- A. coast B. inland C. body of land with water on three sides D. border E. None of the above
6. The passage was found near 50 degrees S of _____.
- A. Greenwich B. The equator C. Spain D. Portugal E. Madrid
7. In the spring of 1521, the ships crossed the _____ now called the International Date Line.
- A. imaginary circle passing through the poles
 B. imaginary line parallel to the equator
 C. area
 D. land mass
 E. None of the above

Q8-Q11 Choose the correct meaning of the word in italics.

8. The bite marks could have been chiselled out, so deep are they cut into the metal, with whole chunks *gouged* from the frame.
- A) make a groove in B) stubbornly resistant to authority or control C) happy D) shore
9. "We are all working very hard to get you to a safe place," Gabriel says, desperately attempting to *placate* Martha
- A) having or revealing little emotion or sensibility B) cause to be more favourably inclined
 C) having a chance D) take the place or move into the position of
10. Before reading each story, some students first read a paragraph that appeared to *inadvertently* spoil the outcome of the story.
- A) make aware of B) without knowledge or intention
 C) physically drained D) Mentally exhausted
11. He wears baggy white overalls that drown his frame and a shy smile that speaks of his *diffidence*.
- A. capacity or power to produce a desired effect B. lack of self-assurance
 C. having or showing profound knowledge D. tending to vanish like vapour

For the questions 12 to 18 choose the correct option to complete each sentence.

12. I understand you are _____ joining the cricket academy.
- A. desirous about B. keen at C. seriously hoping to D. interested in
13. Although this neighbourhood is safe, it is best _____ late
- A. being gone too B. keeping away from C. not to stay out D. avoid to go home.

14. After our vacation, we went to collect our dog, Ruddy from our friend's house and as soon as he spotted us, he _____ excitedly.

- A. begins barking B. wants to bark C. has barked D. started barking.

15. If he thinks Civil Engineering is a cakewalk, he'd _____ think again.

- A. probably B. had C. better D. rather to

16. For the past fifteen years, companies that ship goods _____ millions of dollars coordinating their security efforts.

- A. spending B. has been spending C. have spent D. are being spent

17. When they learned that they didn't make it to the next round of the competition they were _____

- A. sublime B. inspirited C. exalted D. crestfallen

18. Second-hand smoke is the exhaled smoke of a smoker _____ the smoke that disperses from a lit cigarette, cigar or pipe.

- A. thereby B. so as to C. as well as D. consequently

For the questions 19 and 20, choose the most suitable antonym for the word given in bold.

19. The President's radio broadcast **galvanised** the people's spirit.

- A. terrorised B. provoked C. dampened D. distracted

20. The project head analysed the proposal strategically before he decided to **jettison** it.

- A. leave B. accept C. change D. modify