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Practice Test 1

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Choose the best answer for each question.

1. If the organisers had consulted residents earlier, several objections ____ before last month's meeting.
   A) could have been anticipated B) can be anticipated C) are being anticipated
2. The proposal attracted support ____ concerns about its cost.
   A) although B) whereas C) despite
3. The results should be interpreted with ____, as the sample was relatively small.
   A) caution B) confidence C) approval
4. By the time the review begins, the team ____ data for six months.
   A) had been collecting B) have been collecting C) will have been collecting
5. The consultant suggested ____ the schedule before publication.
   A) revising B) to revise C) revise
6. 'I'm not convinced the savings justify the disruption.' The speaker questions ____.
   A) whether the benefits outweigh the drawbacks
   B) whether any disruption has been reported
   C) whether saving money is ever possible
7. The scheme aims to ____ the needs of commuters with those of local residents.
   A) replace B) reconcile C) postpone
8. ____ the policy has reduced delays, its effect on staff workload remains uncertain.
   A) Because of B) Despite C) Although
9. The report's findings are tentative. They ____.
   A) have been confirmed beyond all doubt
   B) may change when more evidence is available
   C) are irrelevant to the question being investigated
10. 'We could trial the change in one area before extending it.' This proposal would ____.
    A) guarantee that the change works everywhere
    B) remove the need to define success
    C) allow evidence to inform wider implementation

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11. Which response challenges an argument while remaining constructive?
    A) Your conclusion differs from mine, so there is nothing to discuss.
    B) What evidence supports that conclusion, and could we test another explanation?
    C) Everyone agrees with you, so the evidence is unnecessary.
12. The committee rejected the suggestion, ____ it impractical under the present conditions.
    A) deemed B) deeming C) to deem
13. The manager's remarks were taken out of context. This means ____.
    A) their surrounding circumstances were omitted in a misleading way
    B) they were repeated with a full explanation of the circumstances
    C) they were replaced by a statement on an unrelated subject
14. We would have finished on time ____ the unexpected equipment failure.
    A) but for B) even if C) provided that
15. 'I'm broadly in favour, provided that access remains affordable.' The speaker's support is ____.
    A) unreserved regardless of the price
    B) conditional on keeping the service affordable
    C) based on a demand that access be restricted

Read the text and answer questions 16 to 20.

What Counts as Success

A city library extended its evening opening hours for a three-month trial. Initial reports celebrated a rise in visitor numbers, and some councillors argued that the change should immediately become permanent. The library manager was more cautious. Although the figures were encouraging, she noted that counting visits alone revealed little about who was benefiting. A person entering three times contributed more to the total than someone who made a single, longer visit. The team therefore examined additional evidence. Short interviews suggested that shift workers valued the later hours, while several regular users had merely moved their usual visits from afternoon to evening. Staff also reported that the new schedule left less time for preparing activities. None of this made the trial a failure; rather, it complicated the original claim of straightforward success. The manager recommended continuing the trial with a revised staffing plan and clearer criteria. Her position was that evaluation should help improve a service, not simply supply a number that made the original decision look good.

16. Why was the manager cautious about the initial reports?
    A) The reported visitor numbers had been proved false.
    B) Visit totals did not fully show who benefited or how.
    C) The library had received no positive feedback.
17. What does the example of repeated visits illustrate?
    A) Long visits should be excluded from all evaluations.
    B) One measure can give an incomplete picture of use.
    C) Frequent visitors receive a lower weight in the total.
18. What did the interviews reveal?
    A) All visitors had previously been unable to use the library.
    B) Regular users had stopped coming altogether.
    C) Different groups were affected in different ways.
19. How does the writer present the staffing concern?
    A) As evidence of a trade-off that needs addressing
    B) As proof that the trial had no benefits
    C) As an unrelated complaint to be ignored
20. Which statement best reflects the manager's view?
    A) Positive totals are enough to justify any decision.
    B) A trial should end whenever it produces mixed results.
    C) Evaluation should guide improvement using more than one measure.