

12. Such a mission is to protect the public interest by promoting government and corporate **accountability** through free speech and ethical conduct.
(A) finance (B) responsibility (C) dispersion (D) workforce
13. Those seven steps outline a simple and effective **strategy** for finding information for a research paper and documenting the sources you find.
(A) approach (B) shortcut (C) operation (D) storage
14. The R.O.C. government lodges a strong protest with Mainland China against its repeated **encroachments** upon Taiwan's sovereignty and territorial integrity.
(A) comments (B) compliments (C) intrusions (D) denials
15. In the past few years, the number of trademarked and licensed fashion products has grown numerous and so has the number of **counterfeit** versions of these products.
(A) fake (B) exotic (C) assorted (D) contradictory
16. The work of the Council is carried out in its **subsidiary** bodies -- commissions and committees -- which meet at regular intervals and report back to the Council.
(A) additional (B) chief (C) secondary (D) underground
17. No one really understands the long-term **consequences** of holding a cellular phone next to your brain because nobody has thoroughly studied them.
(A) dangers (B) results (C) concerns (D) problems
18. One **drawback** of telecommunication is that many business people don't want to be available day and night.
(A) merit (B) value (C) dimension (D) disadvantage
19. Since the US war against terrorism unveiled, there has been an **escalating** demand for crude oil worldwide.
(A) increasing (B) decreasing (C) competing (D) unavoidable
20. In the competition lawsuit, many economists would **side with** the independent service company rather than the manufacturing company.
(A) criticize (B) praise (C) disagree with (D) back
21. The microwave oven was purchased by **installments**.
(A) cash (B) credit card (C) several payments (D) discount