**National Exams for University Entrance – Ex. B2 Practice**

**Fill in the gaps with two words in the statements of column B, so that they are similar in meaning to the statements in column A.**

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| **Column A** | **Column B** |
| 1. This will be my student’s first performance in Canada.  | 1. This will be the first time my student \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Canada.  |
| 2. This course will take us six months to complete.  | 2. In six months’ time we will \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the course.  |
| 3. It doesn’t matter if you think you know the subject well. You must revise for the exam.  | 3. You must revise for the exam \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you think you know the subject.  |
| 4. The man suddenly realized that his neighbor was watching him.  | 4. The man suddenly realized that he \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ watched by his neighbor.  |
| 5. I managed to finish all the cooking before the guests arrived.  | I succeeded \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all the cooking before the guests arrived.  |
| 6. I would prefer you not to have come so late.  | 6. I \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you hadn’t come so late.  |
| 7. He came but it turned out it wasn’t necessary.  | 7. He \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ come.  |
| 8. She went to the concert, although she was feeling unwell.  | 8. She went to the concert, \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ unwell.  |
| 9. If she hadn’t helped me, I would never have survived.  | 9. If it hadn’t \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her help, I would never have survived.  |
| 10. I wish I had studied harder when I was at school.  | 10. I \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ studying harder when I was at school.  |
| 11. You should never drop out of university midway through a course.  | 11. On \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ should you drop out of university midway through a course.  |
| 12. That problem proved too difficult for us to solve.  | 12. We weren’t \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ solve that problem.  |
| 13. They sent the robber to prison for ten years.  | 13. The robber \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ten years in prison.  |
| 14. The teacher thinks these two boys attacked their schoolmate.  | 14. The teacher suspects these two boys \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their schoolmate.  |
| 15. When we finally arrived, the theatre was practically empty.  | 15. When we finally arrived, there was \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the theatre.  |
| 16. She arrived at the station at the last minute and ran to the platform.  | 16. She arrived at the station just \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and ran to the platform.  |
| 17. Everyone has a right to a fair trial.  | 17. Everyone \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to a fair trial.  |
| 18. If I were you, I would prefer to speak to him myself.  | 18. If I were you, I \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ speak to him myself.  |
| 19. He’s so busy these days that he hardly remembers the things he has to do.  | 19. He’s rather \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his duties these days because he’s vey busy.  |
| 20. Her whole body was aching after the heart operation.  | 20. She was in \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ after the heart operation.  |
| 21. They were still discussing employment issues in the meeting when I left.  | 21. When I left the meeting, employment issues were still \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  |
| 22. Last year’s Christmas party was much better than this year’s.  | 22. There is \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with last year’s Christmas party.  |
| 23. I tried to call you, but the line was busy.  | 23. The line was engaged and I couldn’t \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  |
| 24. They like different things.  | 24. They have very little \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  |
| 25. Mary knew how to ride a bicycle when she was four.  | 25. Mary \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a bicycle at the age of four.  |
| 26. School uniform isn’t compulsory at schools any more.  | 26. Wearing a uniform \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ optional at schools.  |
| 27. I’m sure he liked it. He stayed there long enough.  | 27. If he has stayed there for so long, he \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ liked it.  |
| 28. Teachers are dissatisfied because they do not have appropriate equipment and adequate salaries.  | Teachers cite poor working conditions and \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_as a chief reason for their dissatisfaction.  |
| 29. Over the past few years unemployment levels have risen considerably.  | 29. Over the past few years there has been a \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in unemployment levels. .  |
| 30. The authorities suspect that Alison Smith committed the crime.  | 30. Alison Smith is suspected \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ committed the crime.  |
| 31. In case of fire, do not use the lift to evacuate the building.  | 31. In case of fire, under \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ must you use the lift to evacuate the building.  |
| 32. Finding a new job is proving difficult for him.  | 32. He appears to be \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in finding a new job.  |
| 33. Your success or failure is of no interest to me.  | 33. It does not interest me \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ succeed or fail.  |
| 34. I’ve grown used to the room’s cold and damp.  | 34. The room’s cold and damp don’t \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ anymore.  |
| 35. After he had learned his lessons, he went out to play.  | \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his lessons, he went out to play.  |
| 36. She excelled in math under the tutorship of her father.  | She excelled in math having \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by her father. |
| 37. It isn’t easy for patients and doctors to communicate.  | 37. Patients and doctors have \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ communicating.  |
| 38. The story is narrated in flashback except for two scenes at the beginning and the end.  | 38. \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_two scenes at the beginning and the end, the story is narrated in flashback.  |
| 39. “We can’t keep up with the large numbers of orders”, he said.  | 39. “It has not been \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us to keep up with the large numbers of orders”, he said.  |
| 40. Our civilization is going through a crisis which undermines the very foundations of mankind’s existence.  | 40. Our civilization is going through a crisis by which the very foundations of mankind’s existence \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  |

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| 1. has performed 2. have completed3. even if 4. was being5. in finishing6. would rather 7. needn’t have 8. despite feeling9. been for10. regret not11. no account / no occasion 12. able to 13. was sentenced14. of attacking15. practically no one / not anyone16. on time17. is entitled18. would rather19. forgetful of20. severe pain / total pain | 21. being discussed22. no comparison23. get through24. in common25. could ride26. is now27. must have28. low salaries / low payment 29. considerable rise / considerable increase30. of having31. no circumstances / no condition32. having difficulty33. whether you 34. bother me35. Having learned / Having learnt 36. been tutored37. difficulty in38. Apart from / Other than 39. possible for40. are undermined |