**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 \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |

**KEY**

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| 1. has performed  2. have completed  3. even if  4. was being  5. in finishing  6. would rather  7. needn’t have  8. despite feeling  9. been for  10. regret not  11. no account / no occasion  12. able to  13. was sentenced  14. of attacking  15. practically no one / not anyone  16. on time  17. is entitled  18. would rather  19. forgetful of  20. severe pain / total pain | 21. being discussed  22. no comparison  23. get through  24. in common  25. could ride  26. is now  27. must have  28. low salaries / low payment  29. considerable rise / considerable increase  30. of having  31. no circumstances / no condition  32. having difficulty  33. whether you  34. bother me  35. Having learned / Having learnt  36. been tutored  37. difficulty in  38. Apart from / Other than  39. possible for  40. are undermined |