1.I strongly believe \_\_\_ the power of positive thinking.  
2. I’ve really been concentrating \_\_\_ finishing my degree.  
3. As the coach of the team, he needs to take the blame \_\_\_ the team’s lack of success.  
4. Jack insisted \_\_\_ paying for lunch.  
5. This might not matter \_\_\_ you, but some people are going to be negatively affected by this decision.  
6. Each and every one of you has contributed \_\_\_ the success of this organization.  
7. Cheryl has been very busy right now. She’s applying \_\_\_ law schools.  
8. Our success depends \_\_\_ hiring the right people.  
9. He graduated \_\_\_ Princeton in 1994.  
10. At first, I thought he was really angry. Then, he smiled \_\_\_ me and I knew he was joking.  
11. Many people objected \_\_\_ the decisions the president made during his first 100 days in office.  
12. I know we can count \_\_\_ Tim to resolve this for us.  
13. To make extra money, Rick participated \_\_\_ some clinical trials for new drugs.  
14. The judge ordered the jurors not to comment \_\_\_ the case.  
15. They were arguing \_\_\_ who deserved the blame for the recent increase in crime.

16What is the reason \_\_\_ this new trend?  
17. We’ve seen a decrease \_\_\_ tourism over the last few years.  
18. People have to be able to adapt \_\_\_ change.  
19. Please contact me \_\_\_  your earliest convenience so we can discuss this issue.  
20. What is the difference \_\_\_ these two cell phone plans?  
21. I had trouble deciding \_\_\_ a college major.  
22. International trips are always a problem for Jim because of his intense fear \_\_\_ flying.  
23. I can’t take the credit \_\_\_ this. It was a team effort.  
24. The attorney chose not to respond \_\_\_ the reporter’s questions.  
  
25. Unfortunately, I wasn’t aware \_\_\_ the new developments.  
26. Some states have very high taxes \_\_\_ cigarettes and alcohol.  
27. Who is responsible \_\_\_ implementing these changes?  
27. We should take advantage \_\_\_ the sale and stock up on supplies.  
29. Do you have any interest \_\_\_ seeing the movie?  
30. Who is in charge \_\_\_ approving these requests?

1. Managers should be good \_\_\_ motivating their teams.  
   32. They have an excellent relationship \_\_\_ our clients.  
   33. I’ve been very busy preparing \_\_\_ the sales conference next week.  
   34. He expressed his dissatisfaction \_\_\_ the service he received.  
   35. Have you ever been accused \_\_\_ committing a crime?  
   36. Stress is a major cause \_\_\_ many diseases.

37. Blake needs to get his resume ready so he can start applying \_\_\_ jobs.  
38. My wife and I are very proud \_\_\_ our son.  
39. We’ve been having some trouble \_\_\_ our Wi-Fi.  
40. Post-It notes were invented \_\_\_ accident. The inventor was trying to create a completely different product.  
41. We arrived \_\_\_ London at about 9 o’clock in the morning.  
42. Initially, my wife and I couldn’t agree \_\_\_ a name for our daughter.  
43. Our sales team consists \_\_\_ a dozen people with varied backgrounds.  
44. We plan \_\_\_ opening two more stores within the next three years.  
45. He made a lot of decisions that management didn’t approve \_\_\_.