Mark the best choice.

Natalie Portman is a celebrity known by all people who have an interest in cinema. Portman, born on June 9, 1981 in Jerusalem, is an only child. Her ancestors, (1) died at Auschwitz, Poland, were Jews who moved to Israel from Poland and Romania. Her Romanian-born great-grandmother (2) a spy for British Intelligence during World War II. In 1984, when Portman was three years old, the family moved from Israel to the United States, where her fate was drawn.

1. a. some of them
   b. some of whom
   c. many of that
   d. all of whom

2. a. is said to be
   b. is said to work
   c. is said to have worked
   d. is said to have been

Education was very important both for Natalie and her parents. To illustrate, she skipped the premiere of her film Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace (3) she could study for her high school final exams. In 2003, Portman graduated from Harvard with a B.A. degree in psychology. “I don't care if college (4) my career,” she told the New York Post. “I prefer being smart to being a movie star.” Portman also took graduate courses at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and she appeared as a guest lecturer at a Columbia University course on terrorism and counterterrorism, and gave a speech on the (5) of terrorism. There, she also spoke about her film V for Vendetta. (6), she has professed an interest in foreign languages since childhood and has studied French, Japanese, German and Arabic.

3. a. so that
   b. such that
   c. in order to
   d. so as to

4. a. interferes
   b. ruins
   c. accompanies
   d. flourishes

5. a. shortage
   b. confirmation
   c. origins
   d. innovations

6. a. Hence
   b. What is more
   c. Therefore
   d. In other words

At the age of ten, a Revlon agent asked her (7) a child model, but she turned down the offer to focus on acting. In a magazine interview, Portman admitted (8) different from the other kids. She said, “I knew what I liked and what I wanted.” In 1994, she auditioned for the role of a child who befriends a middle-aged sniper in Luc Besson's film, Léon. Soon after (9) the part, she took her grandmother's maiden name "Portman" as her stage name to protect her family's identity.

7. a. to become
   b. to have become
   c. becoming
   d. if she has become

8. a. to be
   b. to have been
   c. being
   d. have been

9. a. she was getting
   b. has got
   c. got
   d. getting
In the 2000s, she acted in many films. In late 2006, Portman filmed _The Other Boleyn Girl_, a historical drama (10) where she played Anne Boleyn, and she (11) was one of the hottest women by _Blender_ Magazine. In the same year, she filmed Wong Kar-Wai’s road movie _My Blueberry Nights_. She won praise for her role as gambler Leslie. Kar-Wai said, “for once she’s not playing an orphan or a child princess but a mature woman who doesn’t have any ethical concerns (12) about what she is doing. It was essential that she (13) use her appeal to simultaneously flirt with and distract the actor across the table, (14) enhanced she did successfully.”

1. a. which 11. a. named 12. a. what
   b. of which b. has been named b. whether
   c. when c. was named c. how
   d. in which d. must be named d. why

13. a. use 14. a. that
   b. used b. which
   c. would use c. where
   d. was using d. in which

Portman played an experienced ballerina in Darren Aronofsky’s 2010 film _Black Swan_, (15) which critic Kurt Loder wrote: “Portman has (16) preserved a dream with this film.” (17) For the role, she went through five to eight hours of dance training each day for six months and lost 10 kg. In 2011, she won both the Golden Globe Award and the Academy Award for best lead actress.

15. a. a role which 16. a. preserved 17. a. Having prepared
   b. with which b. resolved b. Prepared
   c. was a role that c. fulfilled c. After preparing
   d. about which d. enhanced d. To prepare

Portman, who is an activist for animal rights, has been a vegetarian since childhood. After reading Jonathan Safran Foer's _Eating Animals_ in 2009, she quitted (18) eating any kind of http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Natalie_Portman - cite_note-vegan-84#cite_note-vegan-84 animal products, too. Portman is also a supporter of antipoverty activities. In 2004 and 2005, she traveled to Uganda, Guatemala, and Ecuador to help finance women-owned businesses and to help stop women’s (19) deficiency. On the concept of afterlife, Portman has said, “I don't believe in that. I believe we must do everything to make our (20) handica meaningful in this world, not anywhere else.” She has said that she would like to raise her children in the Jewish religion. “A priority for me is definitely that I’d like to raise my kids in Israel, but the ultimate thing is to have someone who is a good person and who is a supporting partner.”

18. a. eating 19. a. deficiency 20. a. handicap
   b. to eat b. hazards b. presence
   c. to have eaten c. exploitation c. implication
   d. having eaten d. participation d. measure
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ANSWER KEY

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