HIGHER EDUCATION – FILL IN THE GAPS EXERCISE

Link to the video: https://freeenglishmaterialsforyou.com/2017/07/15/higher-education-listening-activity/

Fill in the gaps in the following sentences with the correct tenses

1. I know that the most intelligent way to start ____________ a lot of money is to find a way to get at least $100,000 in debt before you even begin ____________ money. (MAKE)

2. If you ____________ a degree then you are declaring that you want to be homeless, unhappy, and a failure for the rest of your life. (GET NEGATIVE)

3. Having a college degree ____________ now ____________ standard for so long that everyone in the workforce has one. (BE)

4. So you ____________ one makes you just like everyone else. (HAVE)

5. My college degree is social validation that I'm someone. I ____________ it. (EARN)

6. And I earned it by ____________ for it. (PAY)

7. Imagine if people ____________ born with innate brilliance, potential, vision, creativity and ability. Then we wouldn't need college. (BE)

8. That's not the fantasy world we live in. From what I'm ____________. (TELL)

9. If you don't go to college there is no chance that you ____________ a successful career. (HAVE)

10. Success isn't dependent on hard work, vision, and creativity. It's dependent on the degree you achieve before you start ____________ in your career. (ACHIEVE)

11. Especially not anybody that ____________ me. (INSPIRE)

12. What ____________ me even more than the $100,000 of tuition costs for a degree is all the interest that I have the opportunity to pay on that loan. (EXCITE)

13. From early elementary school, I ____________ that I need to do well in school so that I can get accepted into college so that I can have a successful career. (TEACH)

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14. Therefore I think that ____________________ a degree is not only a guarantee that I'll have a successful future but I also think it's the only way I can have a successful future. (GET)

15. I think universities are completely _____________ in _______________ their customers the prices that they do. (JUSTIFY; CHARGE)

16. Last month I had a job for three days. I _____________ by an eighteen-year-old teach entrepreneur. (HIRE)

17. But here is my new plan: I _________________________ all the skills I learned in my MBA and open a video rental store. (TAKE)
Answers

1. Making
2. Don’t get/ do not get
3. Has been
4. Having
5. Earned
6. Paying
7. Were
8. Told
9. Will have; ‘ll have
10. Achieving
11. Inspires
12. Excites
13. Was taught
14. Getting
15. Justified - charging
16. Was hired
17. 'm gonna take; am gonna take; 'm going to take; am going to take.