ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

4000 Essential English Words 1 Unit 26: Archie and His Donkey

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Explanations

1. **Choose the right word for the given definition.**
to keep something going
✓ **A) maintain**
Maintain means to keep something going or keep it at the same level. Example: **They couldn't maintain a good speed.**

2. not this one or that one
✓ **A) neither**
Neither means not this one and not that one. Example: **Neither you nor your son should ride it.**

3. people and how they act
✓ **B) society**
Society means people living together and the way they act. Example: **We cannot please everyone in our society.**

4. describing the body
✓ **C) physical**
Physical describes things about the body. Example: **The donkey needs to be in good physical condition.**

5. to make someone interested
✓ **C) attract**
Attract means to make someone interested in something or to make them look at it. Example: **The bright lights attracted the children.**

6. **Choose the word that is a better fit for each sentence.**
Can I give you some _____?
I _____ that you do your homework before you go out.
✓ **B) advice / suggest**
Advice is a noun, so it fits **give you some …**. **Suggest** is a verb, so it fits **I … that you do your homework**.

7. I got everyone's _____ with my new dress.
Where is your office _____ in the building?
✓ **B) attention / situated**
We say **get someone's attention**, so **attention** goes in the first sentence. **Situated** means placed somewhere, so **Where is your office situated?** is correct.

8. The _____ of his work is very high.
I accidentally _____ my phone in the snow.
✓ **B) standard / dropped**
Standard means the level of quality, so **the standard of his work is very high**. **Dropped** means let something fall, so **I dropped my phone in the snow**.

9. He _____ my attention by waving to me.
She _____ badly to the news.
✓ **A) attracted / reacted**
Attracted my attention means made me look at him. **Reacted** means acted or felt something because of what happened: **She reacted badly to the news.**

10. How much _____ is the beach? I'm tired!
We walked _____ the path for two hours.
✓ **A) further / along**
How much further asks about the distance that is left. **Along the path** means following the path from one part to another.

11. **Choose the one that suits the blank naturally.**

She was angry when _____.
✓ **A) he implied that she was not smart**
Imply means to say something in an indirect way. She was angry because he suggested she was not smart. Being proved right would not make her angry.

12. If you want to win the race, you need to _____.
✓ **A) be in good physical condition**
To win a race, your body must be strong and healthy. That means you need to be in good **physical** condition.

13. He said that I should play sports, so I _____.
✓ **A) suggested playing football**
He told me to play sports, so I took his idea and **suggested playing football**. Not **gave him my advice**, because he was the person who gave the advice.

14. The sound of the car's horn _____.
✓ **A) got everyone's attention**
A loud horn makes people look, so it **got everyone's attention**. A sound cannot be **situated** next to a bus stop.

15. We are nearly at Jack's house. _____.
✓ **B) He lives along this road**
We are **nearly** there, so Jack's house is close: **He lives along this road.** Not **much further down the road**, because that means it is still far.

16. **What is the main idea of this story?**
✓ **C) You should set your own standards.**
The last paragraph gives the lesson: **Don't take everyone's advice, but set your own standards.** Archie followed everyone's advice and lost his donkey. Not **You should neither ride nor carry a donkey**, because that is only a detail of the story, not its main idea.

17. Why did Archie get on the donkey?
✓ A) The woman implied that he wasn't smart.
The woman said **Any smart person would ride the donkey**. Archie asked what she was **implying** and wanted to look smart, so he climbed onto the donkey.

18. Why did the farmer suggest carrying the donkey?
✓ B) To keep the donkey in good physical condition
The farmer said **The donkey needs to be in good physical condition** and **It looks very tired**. So they should carry it to keep it healthy.

19. Why did the donkey start kicking?
✓ C) It reacted badly to a group of teenage boys' teasing.
In the town, some teenage boys laughed at Tom and Archie and threw stones. **The donkey reacted by kicking**, so it was reacting to the boys, not to Archie and Tom.

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