ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. **Choose the right definition for the given word.**
permission
✔ **B) the act of allowing the doing of something**
Permission means that someone allows you to do something. Example: **My teacher gave me permission to leave early.**

2. scale
✔ **A) size**
Scale here means the size of something. Example: **He was amazed by the scale of space.**

3. courage
✔ **D) bravery**
Courage means **bravery**: you do something even when it is frightening.

4. satellite
✔ **B) something sent into space**
A **satellite** is something sent into space. It goes around the Earth or another planet.

5. pour
✔ **C) to move liquid**
To **pour** means to make a liquid move or flow. Example: **She poured water into the glass.**

6. raw
✔ **B) natural**
Raw means natural, not cooked or changed by people. Example: **raw minerals**.

7. telescope
✔ **C) a tool for looking**
A **telescope** is a tool for looking at things that are far away, like stars.

8. awake
✔ **B) not asleep**
Awake means **not asleep**. Example: **I was awake all night.**

9. gravity
✔ **D) a powerful force**
Gravity is a powerful force that pulls things down towards the Earth.

10. presence
✔ **D) the fact of being present**
Presence is the fact of being present, or being in a place. Example: **He felt a presence in the dark room.**

11. **Choose the word that is a better fit for each sentence.**
The movie had _____ flying in heaven and singing beautiful songs.
I watched a TV show about how people trained to become _____.
✔ **A) angels / astronauts**
Angels fly in heaven and sing. People train to become **astronauts** so they can travel into space.

12. The Soviet Union was the first country to send a _____ into space.
The teacher asked all of us to _____ in writing the story.
✔ **B) satellite / participate**
A **satellite** is something sent into space. To **participate** means to take part in an activity.

13. My mother gave me _____ to attend the party.
The man at the door _____ people permission to enter the building.
✔ **B) permission / grants**
You get **permission** (a noun) to do something. To **grant** (a verb) means to give or allow: **He grants people permission.**

14. We are studying _____ that we use in everyday life.
The woman keeps her _____ in a safe place.
✔ **B) minerals / jewels**
Minerals are natural things from the earth that we use every day. **Jewels** are expensive stones, so people keep them in a safe place.

15. The water _____ broke, and now the street is flooded.
Thomas got a _____ from his grandfather on his birthday.
✔ **B) pipe / telescope**
A water **pipe** is a tube for water. If it breaks, the street floods. A **telescope** is a tool for looking at the stars, a nice present.

16. **(Please note: The following questions are part of a cloze test. They are interrelated, meaning that the information provided in each question is connected to the others.)**
One day I saw an ad in the newspaper. It was for a treasure hunt in some _____ caves.
✔ **D) underground**
Caves are below the ground, so they are **underground** caves. An adjective goes before the noun **caves**.

17. I really wanted to _____, but I had to get my parents' _____.
✓ B) participate
After **wanted to** we need a verb. **Participate** means to take part in the treasure hunt.

18. I really wanted to _____, but I had to get my parents' _____.
✓ C) permission
Children need their parents' **permission**: the parents must allow them. The next sentence says **They said I could do it.**

19. They said I could do it. The night before the hunt, I was _____ all night long.
✓ E) awake
The writer was excited and could not sleep, so he was **awake** all night long.

20. I kept wondering what we'd be looking for. Maybe it would be a big _____ or gold. When I got to the hunt, there were a lot of other kids there. We were given maps. Each map led to a different place. My treasure turned out to be a book called *Treasure Island*. I was a little disappointed. But I had fun looking for it!
✓ A) jewel
The writer is thinking about the treasure. Treasure can be gold or a **jewel**, an expensive stone, so **a big jewel or gold** makes sense. The other words are not things you can find in a treasure hunt.

21. What is this story about?
✓ D) How a miner became an astronaut
The story starts with Jeremy working as a **miner** and ends with him going into space as an **astronaut**. Satellites, gravity and the telescope are only small details.

22. Why did Jeremy stop going underground?
✓ C) An angel told him to stop working there and make his dreams come true.
In the mine, the angel says: **You must never come underground again. Have the courage to make your wishes come true.** The next day Jeremy decided to become an astronaut.

23. In the second paragraph, we can infer that Jeremy _____.
✓ B) could not see the angel
The passage says **Everything was dark** and Jeremy only **felt a presence nearby**, so he could not see the angel. Not **the workers**: they came later, and he only heard their voices.

24. According to the passage, all the following are true EXCEPT _____.
✓ A) Jeremy was granted permission to leave the mine
The passage says Jeremy was given **permission to participate in a mission to space**, not permission to leave the mine. The other three sentences are all in the story.

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