ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

4000 Essential English Words 2 Unit 27: The Duke and the Minister

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Explanations

1. **(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.)**
I have a _____ sister who very much _____ me.
✓ **C) twin**
A **twin** is a brother or sister born at the same time as you. **A twin sister** fits before the noun **sister**.

2. I have a _____ sister who very much _____ me.
✓ **D) resembles**
Resemble means to look like someone. **She very much resembles me** = she looks a lot like me.

3. When we were kids, we'd _____ fireflies in jars on summer nights.
✓ **B) capture**
Capture means to catch something and keep it. After **we'd** we need a verb: **we'd capture fireflies**.

4. We would stand still and wait for them to light up. Then we'd quickly scoop them into _____ glass jars and put the lids on.
✓ **E) ordinary**
Ordinary means normal, not special. **Ordinary glass jars** are just normal jars.

5. But the jars were never the bugs' _____ home. We always let them go before we went inside.
✓ **A) permanent**
Permanent means lasting for ever. The jars were not the bugs' **permanent home**, because the children always let them go.

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

It is important that you read the story carefully. _____.
✓ **A) It will help to expose any mistakes**
Expose means to show something that was hidden. Reading carefully helps you find and **expose** mistakes. The other option makes no sense: a story cannot capture a dog.

7. Mike and Ike look the same. _____.
✓ **B) They must be twin brothers**
Mike and Ike look the same, so they are probably **twin brothers**. **Must** shows we are almost sure.

8. If you want to be understood, _____.
✓ **B) you must pronounce your words clearly**
Pronounce means to say the sounds of a word. If you **pronounce your words clearly**, people understand you.

9. Please keep our city clean. _____.
✓ **A) It helps to preserve its beauty**
Preserve means to keep something safe and in good condition. A clean city **preserves its beauty**.

10. Children need to learn that _____.
✓ **B) tobacco is bad for their health**
Tobacco is the plant used to make cigarettes. Children should learn that **tobacco is bad for their health**.

11. Don't worry about breaking the glass. _____.
✓ **A) You don't need to give an apology**
An **apology** is when you say "I'm sorry". The speaker is not worried about the glass, so **you don't need to give an apology**.

12. The man was caught for stealing the money _____.
✓ **A) and went to jail**
Jail is a place where people who break the law must stay. A man who steals money and is caught often **goes to jail**.

13. It would be wonderful _____.
✓ **B) if the company hired me**
Hire means to give someone a job. Getting a job is a good thing: **It would be wonderful if the company hired me**.

14. I don't have a baseball glove. _____?
✓ **B) Can you loan me yours**
Loan means to let someone use something for a short time. **Can you loan me yours?** = can I use your glove? A **duke** is a noble man, not a thing you borrow.

15. If you do something bad, _____.
✓ **A) you might feel guilty afterwards**
Guilty means feeling bad because you did something wrong. After doing something bad, **you might feel guilty**.

16. **What is this story about?**
✓ **B) How a minister did what was right**
The story is mainly about the minister. He believed the woman was innocent, found the real problem (bugs) and bravely set her free. The capture of the woman is only one part of the story.

17. **Why did the duke hire the men to watch the fields?**
✓ **B) The tobacco plants were being destroyed.**
Paragraph 1 says **the tobacco plants started to die**, and then the duke **hired men to watch the fields**.

18. Who or what was destroying the tobacco plants?
✓ B) Little bugs
The minister looked at a plant and **saw hundreds of small bugs eating it**. The woman was not a witch; she was innocent.

19. According to the passage, all the following are true EXCEPT ____.
✓ C) the duke gave an apology to the innocent woman
The **minister**, not the duke, said "I owe you an **apology**." The duke never apologised; he was busy with his plants. The other sentences are true: the brothers are twins, the guards thought the minister was the duke, and the men said she sang magic words.

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