ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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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.)**
Jimmy went on a trip to Egypt. There, he visited the great pyramids. Inside them were the _____ of old kings.
✔ **D) graves**
A **grave** is a place where a dead person is buried. Old kings were buried inside the pyramids.

2. He also visited a village near the river and learned about a recent _____.
✔ **E) flood**
A **flood** is when a lot of water covers land that is usually dry. Rivers can flood after heavy rain.

3. People grew many crops on this _____ land.
✔ **C) fertile**
Fertile land is good for growing plants. That is why people grew many crops there.

4. They used _____ pots to carry water from the river into their homes.
✔ **A) clay**
Clay is soft earth that becomes hard when it is heated. People make pots from it: **clay pots**.

5. A friendly man gave Jimmy a white _____ to cover his head from the hot sun. It was a wonderful trip.
✔ **B) cloth**
Cloth is material made from cotton, wool and so on. You can cover your head with a piece of cloth.

6. **Check the sentence with the bolded word that makes better sense.**

a. Many people wear a **shell** before going out into the rain.

b. In the past three years, the city has had two **floods**.
✔ **B)**
A **flood** is a lot of water covering dry land, so sentence B makes sense. People wear a coat in the rain, not a **shell**.

7. a. **Nowadays**, many students like using the Internet to do research.

b. Many groups have **annual** meetings every month.
✔ **A)**
Nowadays means "at the present time", so sentence A makes sense. **Annual** means once a year, not every month.

8. a. Some dogs have interesting **feathers**.

b. You cannot ride a bicycle if it doesn't have **wheels**.
✔ **B)**
A bicycle needs **wheels** to move, so sentence B makes sense. Dogs have fur, not **feathers**.

9. a. Churches don't let people read **religious** books.

b. Birds use their **feathers** to help them fly.
✔ **B)**
Feathers cover a bird's body and help it fly, so sentence B makes sense. Churches use **religious** books, so sentence A is not true.

10. a. Many people enjoy watching **romantic** movies.

b. If you get good grades, you don't **deserve** to graduate.
✔ **A)**
Romantic movies are about love, and many people enjoy them. In B, good grades mean you **deserve** to graduate, so "don't" makes no sense.

11. a. A crab is an example of an animal that has a **shell**.

b. People never go fishing near the **shore**.
✔ **A)**
A **shell** is the hard cover on some animals, like a crab. Many people do go fishing near the **shore**, so B is wrong.

12. a. People who do bad things **deserve** to be punished.

b. Mountains and hills are examples of **floods**.
✔ **A)**
To **deserve** something means you should get it because of what you did. Mountains and hills are not **floods**.

13. a. Horses are more common than cars **nowadays**.

b. People who are **religious** go to church.
✔ **B)**
Religious people believe in a god and often go to church, so B makes sense. Cars, not horses, are more common **nowadays**.

14. a. If you are **romantic**, you probably don't like movies about love.

b. There are beaches along the **shore** of some oceans and lakes.
✔ **B)**
The **shore** is the land next to the sea or a lake, so B makes sense. **Romantic** people usually like love movies, so A is wrong.

15. a. You should see your doctor once a year for an **annual** checkup.

b. The wind makes the **wheels** of a car turn.
✔ A)
Annual means happening once a year, like a yearly checkup. The engine, not the wind, turns a car's **wheels**.

16. **What is this story about?**
✔ C) How Osiris died and returned to make Egypt fertile
The story tells how Set put Osiris in a box and he died. Then the gods made him a god, and he came back every spring to help the crops grow.

17. **What happened each spring?**
✔ D) Osiris returned to help the farmers.
The last paragraph says **Osiris returned every spring to help the farmers**. Not the feathers and shells: the villages gave those to Osiris on his trip.

18. **In the last paragraph, we can infer that _____.**
✔ C) the gods felt that Isis did a good deed
The last paragraph says the gods thought Isis had done **something very romantic**, and they made Osiris a god because of her love. So they felt she did a good thing.

19. **According to the passage, all the following are true EXCEPT _____.**
✔ D) the Egyptians built religious villages
The story says Osiris taught people to make **wheels**, and Isis taught them to make things from **clay** and **cloth**. It never says the Egyptians built **religious villages**.

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