ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

4000 Essential English Words 3 Unit 11: Peter and the Dwarf

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Explanations

1. **Choose the right word for the given definition.**
to say something aloud, often from memory
✔ **C) recite**
To **recite** means to say something aloud, often a poem or text you have learned. Example: **She recited a poem in class.**

2. capable of causing death
✔ **B) fatal**
Fatal means something can cause death. Example: **The accident was fatal.**

3. a group of living things
✔ **A) ecosystem**
An **ecosystem** is all the plants and animals that live together in one area.

4. the ability to wait without getting upset
✔ **C) patience**
Patience is the ability to wait calmly without getting angry or upset.

5. a very short character in stories
✔ **D) dwarf**
A **dwarf** is a very short creature in stories and fairy tales.

6. **Choose the right definition for the given word.**
manuscript
✔ **D) an old book**
A **manuscript** is a very old book or document, often written by hand.

7. proverb
✔ **A) a short saying**
A **proverb** is a short, well-known saying that gives advice. Example: **Practice makes perfect.**

8. pursuit
✔ **A) a chase**
A **pursuit** is a chase, when you follow someone or something to catch it. Example: **The hunter was in pursuit of a deer.**

9. dialect
✔ **B) a different way of speaking**
A **dialect** is a different way of speaking a language, used in one area or by one group.

10. marsh
✔ **B) wet land**
A **marsh** is an area of soft, wet land, often with grass growing in it.

11. **Choose the answer that best fits the question.**
What would you call someplace where no one lives?
✔ **C) Wilderness**
A **wilderness** is a wild natural area where no people live.

12. Where would you most likely find a fish?
✔ **A) In a pond**
Fish live in water. A **pond** is a small area of water, so you would find fish there.

13. People use flowers to _____.
✔ **B) make perfume**
Perfume is a liquid that smells nice, and it is often made from flowers.

14. What would someone sailing in the ocean use to know which way they were going?
✔ **D) A compass**
A **compass** is a device that shows direction (north, south, east, west), so sailors use it to find their way.

15. Which of the following is a part of a plant?
✔ **A) A blossom**
A **blossom** is a flower on a plant or tree, so it is part of a plant.

16. **Choose the word that is the better fit for each blank.**
Frogs are an important part of the _____, especially around a (an) _____.
✔ **A) ecosystem / pond**
Frogs are part of the **ecosystem**, the living things in an area. They live around a **pond**, a small area of water.

17. When he _____ the poem in front of the class, they could not understand him because he spoke with a different _____.
✔ **B) recited / dialect**
You **recite** a poem, which means you say it aloud. People could not understand him because he spoke a different **dialect**, a different way of speaking.

18. They had never seen anything as _____ as this creature. It looked and dressed like a man, but the _____ was short and had a long nose.
✔ **A) abnormal / dwarf**
The creature looked strange, so it was **abnormal** (not normal). A short creature in stories is a **dwarf**.

19. The _____ was so old that the words were hard to read. Though she tried to read it, she soon became _____ and put the old book away.
✓ **B) manuscript / impatient**
An old book is a **manuscript**. Reading it was hard, so she lost patience and became **impatient**.

20. Many _____ try to teach lessons about human qualities such as honesty and _____.
✓ **B) proverbs / patience**
Proverbs are short sayings that teach lessons. **Patience** is a human quality, like honesty.

21. The _____ through the _____ was very difficult because the ground was too wet to stand on.
✓ **B) pursuit / marsh**
A **pursuit** is a chase. The ground was too wet, so the chase was through a **marsh** (wet land).

22. She crushed the _____ and mixed it with some water so she could make the _____.
✓ **A) blossom / perfume**
You crush a flower (**blossom**) and mix it with water to make **perfume**, a nice-smelling liquid.

23. The label on the bottle was _____. It said that the powder didn't hurt children when it was actually _____ for them to consume.
✓ **A) dishonest / fatal**
The label told a lie, so it was **dishonest**. The powder could kill children, so it was **fatal**.

24. The _____ that grow on the _____ are thick and hard to chew.
✓ **B) leaves / bamboo**
Leaves grow on plants. **Bamboo** is a tall plant, so the leaves grow on the bamboo.

25. Because it is easy to lose your way in the _____, it's a good idea to bring a _____ with you.
✓ **B) wilderness / compass**
It is easy to get lost in the **wilderness**, a wild area with no people. A **compass** shows direction and helps you find your way.

26. **When people entered the Magic Marsh, they always came out.**
✓ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 3 says: **When people entered it, they never came out.** So the statement is false.

27. **Peter left his compass at home.**
✓ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 1 says he usually carried a compass, **but that day he left it at home**.

28. **Peter ate some flowers and fell asleep.**
✓ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 4 says he **drank some water** and fell asleep. He did not eat flowers; he only smelled them.

29. **The dwarf spoke with a strange dialect.**
✓ **A) TRUE**
The story says: **The dwarf spoke in a strange dialect.**

30. **Peter knew the dwarf was dishonest.**
✓ **B) FALSE**
The story says: **Peter didn't know it was dishonest.** So the statement is false.

31. **The map led Peter back to the pond.**
✓ **A) TRUE**
Near the end, the story says: **Finally, the map led him back to the pond.**

32. **Why was Peter in the wilderness?**
✓ **A) He was in pursuit of a deer.**
Paragraph 1 says Peter was a hunter and **was in pursuit of a deer**. He got lost only after he was already in the wilderness, so **He was lost** is not why he went there.

33. **How did Peter know he was in the Magic Marsh?**
✓ **C) The ecosystem was abnormal.**
Paragraph 2 says: **The ecosystem was now very abnormal. Peter knew he was in the Magic Marsh.** There was no bamboo, so the first option is wrong.

34. **What did the dwarf have that could help Peter escape the marsh?**
✓ **B) A magic manuscript**
The dwarf took an old **manuscript** from his pocket. It was a magic map that would show Peter how to get home. Peter's compass was at home, so the dwarf did not have one.

35. **Why was Peter afraid of the Magic Marsh?**
✓ **B) Being lost there could be fatal.**
Paragraph 3 says: **He was afraid. Being lost in the marsh could be fatal.** He met the dwarf later, so the dwarf was not the reason.

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