ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

4000 Essential English Words 3 Unit 21: The Old Man with a Bump

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Explanations

1. **Choose the right definition for the given word.**
stroke
✓ **B) to move a hand**
To **stroke** something means to move your hand over it gently, e.g. **She stroked the cat.** It is not a hit or a quick touch.

2. sacrifice
✓ **A) to give up**
To **sacrifice** something means to give it up, usually to help someone or to get something more important. Example: **Parents often sacrifice their free time for their children.**

3. joint
✓ **D) where two bones meet**
A **joint** is a place in the body where two bones meet, such as the knee, elbow or shoulder. Example: **My knee joints hurt after the long walk.**

4. emphasis
✓ **D) special attention**
Emphasis means special attention or importance given to something. Example: **The school puts emphasis on reading.**

5. hollow
✓ **D) empty**
Something **hollow** is empty inside, e.g. **a hollow tree** or **a hollow ball**.

6. **Choose the word that is a better fit for each blank.**
The _____ was about a young boy with magic powers. At first, nobody believed him, but everyone was _____ when he made a cat disappear.
✓ **A) fable / astonished**
The first gap needs a noun after **The**: a **fable** is a short story, often with magic or animals. The second gap follows **was**, so it needs an adjective: **astonished** means very surprised.

7. After hearing the bad news, she _____ her fist on the table in anger. Things would go wrong, her _____ told her.
✓ **B) banged / instincts**
Banged her fist on the table means she hit the table hard and loudly, and it is a past verb. **Instincts** are feelings that tell you something without thinking, so **her instincts told her** fits the second gap.

8. Though the food was good, he felt sick after the _____. He just wasn't _____ to eating so much at one time.
✓ **B) feast / accustomed**
After **the** we need a noun: a **feast** is a very large meal. **Be accustomed to** something means be used to it, so **He wasn't accustomed to eating so much** fits the second gap.

9. The _____ stretched out my arm, looking at my elbow. He wanted to make sure that my pain wasn't a problem with the _____.
✓ **B) physician / joint**
A **physician** is a doctor, the person who looked at the arm. The elbow is a **joint**, the place where two bones meet, so the pain could be a problem with the joint.

10. The university placed a special _____ on student safety. They wanted to _____ that they were interested in protecting students.
✓ **B) emphasis / affirm**
The phrase is **place (an) emphasis on** something, which means give it special importance. After **wanted to** we need a verb: **affirm** means to say clearly that something is true.

11. He wanted to find out where his sister went after school, so he hid in a _____ tree in the schoolyard. However, when he came out, he felt _____ all over.
✓ **B) hollow / stiff**
A **hollow** tree is empty inside, so a person can hide in it. After sitting still in a small space for a long time, your body feels **stiff**, which means hard to move.

12. The entire _____ was excited about her wedding. While they drove to the church, they sang happy _____.
✓ **A) clan / tunes**
A **clan** is a large family group, which fits **The entire _____ was excited**. **Tunes** are songs or melodies, so they **sang happy tunes**.

13. In the _____ light, it was hard to find the earring she'd dropped on the floor. She _____ the ground until she finally felt it.
✓ **A) dim / stroked**
Dim light is weak light, which makes it hard to see. She could not see the earring, so she **stroked** the ground, moving her hand over it gently until she felt it.

14. The boy suffered from a _____ illness. Still, his family made _____ to make sure he was always comfortable.
✓ **A) tragic / sacrifices**
A **tragic** illness is a very sad and serious one, and the gap needs an adjective before **illness**. The phrase is **make sacrifices**, which means give things up to help someone.

15. He shut the door to make sure that no light could _____ into the room. However, he could still see the moon _____ outside of his window.
✓ **A) leak / glowing**
Leak means to come in through a small hole or gap. Light can leak into a room. **Glowing** means shining with a soft, steady light, like the moon at night.

16. **The physician told the old man there was nothing he could do.**
✓ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 1 says the physician told him, **"I can't do anything. You'll have to get accustomed to it."** This means there was nothing he could do, so the statement is true.

17. **The old man waited in the hollow tree even though it leaked a little.**
✓ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 2 says the tree **leaked a little, but there was no other place he could wait**. So he stayed there even though it leaked.

18. **The old man's joints were stiff from walking in the forest.**
✓ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 3 says his joints felt stiff **from sitting**, not from walking. So the statement is false.

19. **The old man's instincts told him to return home immediately.**
✓ **B) FALSE**
His instincts told him **that there was something out there**, and he walked **farther into the forest**. They did not tell him to go home, so the statement is false.

20. **The man danced for the clan of monsters.**
✓ **A) TRUE**
When the leader asked who the best dancer was, the man shouted **"Me!"** and **started to dance** in front of the monsters. So the statement is true.

21. **The monsters took away the man's tragic bump.**
✓ **A) TRUE**
The last paragraph says **the monsters agreed that they had to take his bump**, and afterwards it was gone. So the statement is true.

22. **What advice did the doctor give the old man?**
✓ **D) To get accustomed to the bump**
In paragraph 1 the doctor says, **"You'll have to get accustomed to it." Get accustomed to** means get used to something. The doctor could not remove the bump.

23. **Why did the man have to wait inside a hollow tree?**
✓ **B) It began to rain.**
Paragraph 2 says **It was going to rain. So he found a hollow tree**. The rain was the reason he waited there. Not **The light became dim**: the dim light was only a sign that rain was coming.

24. **Why did the old man come out from behind the tree?**
✓ **C) To dance**
The leader asked who the best dancer was. The man yelled **"Me!"**, came out from behind the tree and **started to dance**.

25. **Why does the old man stroke his face at the end of the story?**
✓ **B) To make sure the bump is gone**
The last paragraph says the man **stroked his face to make sure it was gone**. He wanted to check that the monsters had really taken the bump. Not **For emphasis**: he pointed at the bump for emphasis earlier, when he was still talking to the monsters.

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