ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. **Choose the right word for the given definition.**
a group of animals, such as cows
✔ **B) a herd**
A **herd** is a large group of animals of one kind, e.g. **a herd of cows**.

2. to escape from trouble or danger
✔ **A) flee**
Flee means to run away from danger or trouble: **They fled from the fire.**

3. somebody who thinks that good things will happen
✔ **D) an optimist**
An **optimist** is a person who expects good things to happen.

4. able to be moved or carried easily
✔ **C) portable**
Portable means easy to move or carry, e.g. **a portable radio**.

5. a small road
✔ **D) a lane**
A **lane** is a small, narrow road, often in the countryside.

6. **Choose the right definition for the given word.**
baggage
✔ **B) an object used during a trip**
Baggage means the bags and cases you take with you on a trip.

7. nerve
✔ **D) bravery**
Nerve here means courage or bravery: **She didn't have the nerve to say no.**

8. initiate
✔ **B) to start**
Initiate means to start or begin something: **They initiated a new project.**

9. graze
✔ **A) to eat**
Graze means that animals eat grass in a field: **The cows are grazing.**

10. phantom
✔ **C) a ghost**
A **phantom** is a ghost. Not 'a person whose husband has died': that is a **widow**.

11. **Choose the word that is the better fit for each blank.**
The band was almost ready to perform the _____. After a few moments, they _____ the thirty-minute piece.
✔ **B) symphony / initiated**
After **the** we need a noun: **symphony** (a long piece of music). The second gap needs a past verb: **initiated** (started).

12. The large field was full of grass where the animals could _____. The farmer knew his _____ would be glad to live there.
✔ **A) graze / cattle**
After **could** we need a verb: **graze** (eat grass). The second gap needs a noun after **his**: **cattle** (cows).

13. Andy didn't have the _____ to tell his teacher that he had made a mistake. However, Kristin, an _____, thought the teacher wouldn't get angry.
✔ **B) nerve / optimist**
Have the nerve to means to be brave enough to do something. Kristin expected a good result, so she was **an optimist**.

14. The man wondered if the _____ near his house would ever be _____.
✔ **A) lane / paved**
After **the** we need a noun: **lane** (a small road). **Be paved** means to get a hard surface.

15. A _____ of goats followed the rancher into the barn. He opened a _____ of food and fed them.
✔ **B) herd / bundle**
A group of goats is **a herd**. A number of things tied or packed together is **a bundle**.

16. The _____ told the hungry children to leave her house. She had more than enough food, but her _____ kept her from sharing.
✔ **B) widow / greed**
The first gap is a person (**her house**): a **widow**. Wanting more than you need is **greed**, and it stopped her from sharing.

17. My whole class was invited to walk in the _____. We carried large _____ that had our school's name on them.
✔ **A) parade / posters**
You walk in a **parade**. You carry **posters**, large printed papers with words or pictures.

18. The woman bought a _____ lamp that she could take with her on trips. After a year, however, she had to buy a new _____ for the lamp.
✔ **B) portable / bulb**
A lamp you can take on trips is **portable**. The glass part of a lamp that gives light is the **bulb**.

19. There was a loud noise, then a large _____ came into the room. The children screamed and _____ immediately.
✔ **B) phantom / fled**
After **a large** we need a noun: **phantom** (a ghost). The children ran away, so they **fled**.

20. He bought new _____ before the trip, but after the first time he used it, it was _____ and looked old.
✔ **A) baggage / scratched**
He bought new **baggage** (bags for a trip). After one use it had marks on it, so it was **scratched**.

21. **Larry, Harry and Lester were cattle on the widow's farm.**
✔ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 1 says Larry was a cow, but Harry was a rooster and Lester was a duck. Only Larry was one of the cattle, so the statement is false.

22. **The animals fled because the widow wanted to kill the herd.**
✔ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 2 says the widow pointed to Larry and said **I'll eat him tomorrow**. She wanted to eat only Larry, not the whole herd, so the statement is false.

23. **Larry, Harry and Lester wanted to go to Bremen to perform in a parade.**
✔ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 1 says the animals **dreamed of playing music in a parade**. The poster was for **a parade in Bremen**, and Lester said they could perform their **symphony** there. So the statement is true.

24. **The animals initiated the journey with only a portable microphone and a drum in a bundle.**
✔ **B) FALSE**
The bundle held **a drum, a flute and a portable microphone**. There was also a flute, so the statement is false.

25. **Larry was an optimist.**
✔ **B) FALSE**
The story says **Lester was an optimist**, not Larry.

26. **Harry scratched the bulb to break it.**
✔ **B) FALSE**
Harry **knocked over the lamp**, and that broke the bulb. He **scratched** the thieves, not the bulb.

27. **Where did the cattle graze at the beginning of the story?**
✔ **B) On a lawn**
Paragraph 2 says the widow went **to the lawn where her herd of cattle was grazing**.

28. **How did Larry, Harry and Lester find out about the parade?**
✔ **C) From a poster**
Paragraph 3 says Lester and Harry showed Larry **a poster** for a parade in Bremen.

29. **What were the greedy thieves doing when the animals arrived at the house?**
✔ **B) Eating a large dinner**
The story says the thieves **were eating a large dinner** and telling stories about the people they stole from.

30. **What did the animals pretend to be in order to scare the thieves away?**
✔ **A) Phantoms**
The animals stood on each other, looked very big and made scary noises, so a thief yelled **It's a phantom!** They looked like ghosts.

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