ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

4000 Essential English Words 3 Unit 5: Trick-or-treat!

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Explanations

1. **Choose the word that is the better fit for each blank.**
Mary _____ the creature that came into her yard and _____ her dog.
✔ **B) cursed / scared**
Cursed means said bad or angry words against someone. **Scared** means made someone afraid. Mary **cursed** the creature because it **scared** her dog.

2. I don't like to walk in the _____. I always think about the _____ that are under the ground there.
✔ **B) cemetery / skeletons**
A **cemetery** is a place where dead people are buried. **Skeletons** are the bones of a dead body, and they are under the ground in a cemetery. You walk **in the cemetery**, so it fits the first gap.

3. My mother bought me a _____ new coat. My favorite part is the warm _____.
✔ **A) fancy / hood**
Fancy means special and beautiful, so it describes the coat (**a fancy new coat**). A **hood** is the part of a coat that covers your head. It is the warm part she likes.

4. When my friend stayed at my house, we sat with a _____. Instead of sleeping, we sat and told _____ for an hour!
✔ **B) flashlight / riddles**
A **flashlight** is a small lamp you hold in your hand; you can sit **with a flashlight** in the dark. **Riddles** are questions with clever or funny answers, and you **tell riddles**.

5. Judy wanted to find a _____ that was scary. Finally, she decided to dress like a _____ witch.
✔ **A) disguise / wicked**
A **disguise** is clothing that hides who you are, and Judy wants to **find** one. **Wicked** means very bad or evil, so it describes the witch: **a wicked witch**.

6. We planted a vegetable garden to help _____ our family. But many of the plants _____ before we could eat them.
✔ **B) nourish / rotted**
Nourish means to give food that keeps someone healthy, so a garden can **nourish our family**. **Rotted** means went bad and soft, and the clue **before we could eat them** shows what happened to the plants.

7. The poor family was _____ after all of their food _____.
✔ **B) starving / spoiled**
Starving means very hungry because there is no food. **Spoiled** means the food went bad. The family was **starving** because their food **spoiled**.

8. Tim loves being an _____ of that town. _____ after he moved there, he made many friends.
✔ **A) inhabitant / shortly**
An **inhabitant** is a person who lives in a place: **an inhabitant of that town**. **Shortly after** means a little time after, so it starts the second sentence.

9. I entered a contest that was in my favorite _____. Imagine the _____ when I won!
✔ **A) publication / thrill**
A **publication** is a magazine, newspaper or book, so a contest can be in it. A **thrill** is a strong, exciting feeling, the feeling you have when you win.

10. Christie _____ me with her city's library. Since then, I have read every book they have about _____.
✔ **A) acquainted / pirates**
To **acquaint** someone **with** something means to help them know it for the first time. **Pirates** are people who attack ships at sea, and the books are about them.

11. **Choose the answer that best fits the question.**
Which of the following best describes an evil person?
✔ **D) Wicked**
Wicked means very bad or evil, so it describes an evil person: **a wicked witch**. **Curse** is something you say or do, not a word that describes a person.

12. Which one is a feeling?
✔ **A) A thrill**
A **thrill** is a feeling of strong excitement. A hood, a flashlight and an inhabitant are things or people, not feelings.

13. Which one can you wear?
✔ **B) A disguise**
A **disguise** is clothing or a costume that you wear so people don't know who you are. You cannot wear a cemetery, a publication or a riddle.

14. Which of the following is most related to death?
✔ **C) Starve**
To **starve** means to suffer or die because you have no food, so it is the word most related to death. **Nourish** is the opposite: it means to give food that keeps you healthy.

15. Which of the following is most commonly related to the ocean?
✔ **D) Pirate**
A **pirate** is a person who sails the ocean and attacks other ships to steal from them. The other words are not usually connected to the sea.

16. People from places like Iceland, Italy, Kenya and Canada believed souls needed food.
✓ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 1 says people **in places like Ireland, China, Egypt and Mexico** believed souls needed food. Iceland, Italy, Kenya and Canada are not mentioned, so the statement is false.

17. Many cultures believed that souls needed food to nourish them on their journey back to life.
✓ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 1 says the food nourished souls **on their journey from cemeteries to heaven**. The journey was to heaven, not back to life, so the statement is false.

18. Housewives gave children food if they did chores around their homes.
✓ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 2 says housewives gave children food **if they performed a song or a dance**. Chores are not mentioned, so the statement is false.

19. Shortly after a children's publication wrote about trick-or-treating, it became popular.
✓ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 2 says that in 1939 **a children's publication acquainted the whole country with the tradition. It became very popular.** So trick-or-treating became popular after the publication wrote about it.

20. Some children wear fancy disguises for trick-or-treating today.
✓ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 3 says **some children wear fancy disguises, like pirates**. So the statement is true.

21. Inhabitants from villages started trick-or-treating in the 1940s.
✓ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 2 says inhabitants of villages started trick-or-treating **in the early 1900s**, not in the 1940s. So the statement is false.

22. Which of the following is the most popular disguise?
✓ **B) Skeleton**
Paragraph 3 says **Ghosts and skeletons are favorite costumes**. Pirates are given only as an example of fancy disguises that some children wear, so they are not the most popular.

23. Why did souls need food?
✓ **C) For their long journey to heaven**
Paragraph 1 says the food **nourished them on their journey from cemeteries to heaven**. Not **They were starving**: the passage says families could starve, not the souls.

24. What did the souls do when they left cemeteries?
✓ **C) Went to heaven**
Paragraph 1 describes the souls' **journey from cemeteries to heaven**. So when they left the cemeteries, they went to heaven.

25. Why do children perform riddles when they trick-or-treat?
✓ **A) To get candy**
Paragraph 3 says **children still perform songs or riddles to get candy**. Not **To get a thrill**: the thrill comes from dressing up and getting candy, not from the riddles.

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