ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

4000 Essential English Words 4 Unit 15: Laika, the Space Dog

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Explanations

1. **Choose the word that is the better fit for each blank.**
After weeks of hard work, the scientists must _____ the results of their _____.
✔ **B) await / research**
After **must** we need a verb, so the first gap is **await** (to wait for). After **their** we need a noun, so the second gap is **research** (careful study to find new facts).

2. After the death of her _____ pet, the woman felt nothing but _____ for many weeks.
✔ **B) beloved / misery**
Before the noun **pet** we need an adjective: **beloved** means very much loved. After **nothing but** we need a noun: **misery** means great sadness.

3. The store had a _____ of canned vegetables, but the man _____ that they didn't have his favorite brand.
✔ **B) variety / complained**
A variety of means many different kinds of something. The second gap needs a past verb: **complained** means said he was unhappy about something.

4. The new schedule _____ passengers who thought the train was _____ at 8 a.m.
✔ **B) confused / due**
The first gap needs a verb after **The new schedule**: it **confused** the passengers (made them unsure). **Due** means expected to arrive or leave at a certain time: **The train was due at 8 a.m.**

5. The island was a great place to _____ a hotel since the _____ was warm throughout the year.
✔ **B) establish / climate**
After **to** we need a verb: **establish a hotel** means start or build one. The **climate** is the usual weather of a place, so **the climate was warm throughout the year**.

6. _____ he had a lot of bad luck in the past, he refused to let _____ events stop him from moving forward.
✔ **A) although / prior**
Although joins two ideas that contrast: he had bad luck, but he kept going. **Prior** means earlier, so **prior events** are things that happened before.

7. The _____ was turned up to the highest temperature, but it couldn't heat the _____ room.
✔ **A) furnace / entire**
A **furnace** is a machine that makes heat, so it can be turned up to a high temperature. **Entire** means whole: **the entire room**.

8. In the _____ of a terrible war, the young boys had to _____ quickly.
✔ **B) midst / mature**
In the midst of means in the middle of something that is happening. After **had to** we need a verb: **mature** means grow up and become like an adult.

9. To make sure the dog's _____ was long enough, Bob took out a ruler and _____ it.
✔ **B) leash / measured**
After **the dog's** we need a noun: a **leash** is a rope or strap used to hold a dog. With a ruler, Bob **measured** it, which means he found out how long it was.

10. She insisted that they _____ her mother's favorite perfume before they _____ her.
✔ **B) apply / buried**
After **insisted that they** we use the base verb: **apply** means put something onto the skin or a surface. **Buried** means put in the ground after death.

11. **Although** he didn't know how to dance, _____.
✔ **A) he went to the party anyway**
Although shows a contrast: he couldn't dance, but **he went to the party anyway**. The two ideas surprise us together.

12. A **furnace** keeps _____.
✔ **D) a room warm during the winter**
A **furnace** is a machine that produces heat, so it **keeps a room warm during the winter**.

13. Florida's warm **climate** makes _____.
✔ **A) many travelers want to vacation there**
Climate is the usual weather of a place. Florida's warm weather **makes many travelers want to vacation there**. Note the pattern **make + person + base verb**.

14. He wanted to **establish** _____.
✔ **C) a school for blind children**
To **establish** something means to start or create it, for example a school or a company: **establish a school for blind children**.

15. The train was **due** to arrive at _____.
✔ **D) around seven in the morning**
Due means expected or planned at a certain time. A train is **due to arrive at** a time, so the answer is **around seven in the morning**.

16. A lot of **research** is needed _____.
✓ **B) before new medicines can be created**
Research is careful study to discover new facts. Scientists must do a lot of research **before new medicines can be created**.

17. Shoppers have a **variety** of _____.
✓ **E) food to choose from at the store**
A variety of means many different kinds. Shoppers have **a variety of food to choose from at the store**.

18. In the **midst** of the game, _____.
✓ **C) the team's best player had to be replaced**
In the midst of means in the middle of something. In the middle of the game, **the team's best player had to be replaced**.

19. A **leash** keeps _____.
✓ **E) a dog from running away**
A **leash** is a strap you tie to a dog to hold it. It **keeps a dog from running away**.

20. Her **beloved** sister _____.
✓ **B) always calmed her**
Beloved means very much loved. The sentence needs a verb after **Her beloved sister**, so **always calmed her** fits.

21. To determine if the new drug was safe, _____.
✓ **A) scientists measured all the effects**
To find out if a drug is safe, **scientists measured all the effects**. **Measure** means find out the size or amount of something.

22. His newest book did not sell well, _____.
✓ **B) but his prior works were very successful**
But shows a contrast: the new book sold badly, **but his prior works were very successful**. **Prior** means earlier.

23. He wanted to finish the race, _____.
✓ **E) but the pain in his ankle gave him too much misery**
But shows a contrast: he wanted to finish, but his ankle hurt too much. **Misery** means great pain or unhappiness.

24. He lost his map, _____.
✓ **E) so he became confused**
So shows a result: without his map, **he became confused**. **Confused** means unable to understand or think clearly.

25. The soup was cold, _____.
✓ **C) so the diners complained to the waiter**
So shows a result: the soup was cold, **so the diners complained to the waiter**. **Complain** means say you are unhappy about something.

26. Sue was very silly as a child, _____.
✓ **D) but she became more serious as she matured**
But shows a contrast between **silly as a child** and **more serious as she matured**. **Mature** means grow up.

27. No one could find the treasure _____.
✓ **C) because the pirate had buried it**
Because gives the reason: no one could find the treasure **because the pirate had buried it** (put it under the ground).

28. He said he would write to her, _____.
✓ **A) so she patiently awaited his letters**
So shows a result: he promised to write, **so she patiently awaited his letters**. **Await** means wait for.

29. She wanted to look older, _____.
✓ **D) so she applied makeup to her face**
So shows a result: to look older, **she applied makeup to her face**. **Apply** means put something onto a surface, such as skin.

30. They were thirsty, _____.
✓ **B) so they drank the entire bowl of punch**
So shows a result: they were thirsty, **so they drank the entire bowl of punch**. **Entire** means whole.

31. **Scientists did a variety of tests for research before the Sputnik 2 was due to leave.**
✓ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 3 says Laika and two other dogs helped scientists with their **research** and were used in a **variety of tests** before Sputnik 2 was **due** to leave on November 3, 1957. So the statement is true.

32. **Wires were applied to Laika's leash so that scientists could find the ship.**
✓ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 4 says the wires were applied to Laika's **skin**, not her leash, and they were used to **measure her body's reactions**, not to find the ship. The leash only stopped her from floating around.

33. **Although Laika could not be buried, a spaceship was established in her honor.**
✓ **B) FALSE**
The last paragraph says a **memorial** was established in Moscow, not a spaceship. So the statement is false.

34. **In the midst of the scientists' excitement, Laika's ship became too hot.**
✓ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 5 says that **in the midst of so much excitement**, Laika's entire ship **had become as hot as a furnace**. So the statement is true.

35. **In a prior launch, scientists sent two other dogs into space.**
✓ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 2 says the prior launch put **the first man-made object** into space, not dogs. The two other dogs were only used in tests; only Laika went to space.

36. **Some people complained that Laika should not have gone to space.**
✓ **A) TRUE**
The last paragraph says **Some have complained that the little dog should never have been used in the mission**. This means some people think she should not have gone to space, so the statement is true.

37. **Why did scientists choose Laika for the mission?**
✓ **A) She was tough.**
Paragraph 1 says **Scientists thought a tough dog like Laika would do well** in their project. She was tough because she grew up on cold streets with little food. Not **a beloved space traveler**: she became loved only after the trip.

38. Why did Laika die during the trip?
✓ **A) The ship became as hot as a furnace.**
Paragraph 5 says Laika's entire ship **had become as hot as a furnace**, and she died after about five hours. Not **the scientists were under stress**: the passage says Laika was under stress.

39. Scientists made Laika wear a special leash because they _____.
✓ **C) didn't want her to float around the ship**
Paragraph 4 says Laika wore a special leash because **without it, she would float around in the spaceship**.

40. Why did scientists apply wires to Laika's skin?
✓ **A) To measure her body's reactions**
Paragraph 4 says scientists applied wires to Laika's skin **to measure her body's reactions** once she got into space.

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