ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

4000 Essential English Words 4 Unit 22: The Scribe's Warning

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Explanations

1. **Choose the word that is the better fit for each blank.**
The other children were _____ him about how funny his new shoes looked, and it didn't take long for him to develop a bad _____.
✔ **A) mocking / temper**
Mocking someone means laughing at them in an unkind way, which fits 'about how funny his new shoes looked'. A bad **temper** is a tendency to get angry easily, and that is what the boy develops.

2. The _____ realized that they could copy more books if they stopped arguing and worked in _____.
✔ **A) scribes / unity**
Scribes are people who copy books and documents by hand, so they are the ones copying books. To work in **unity** means to work together as one group, the opposite of arguing.

3. The young man _____ in the cold without getting a ride for such a long time. When a car finally picked him up, the soft seat and warm air were very _____.
✔ **B) hitchhiked / cozy**
To **hitchhike** means to travel by getting free rides from passing cars, which fits 'without getting a ride'. **Cozy** means warm and comfortable, like the soft seat and warm air.

4. The _____ they received was not only money but also several _____ such as food and clothing.
✔ **A) charity / goods**
Charity is help, such as money, given to people in need. **Goods** are things that people buy and use, such as food and clothing.

5. The senators _____ the warning from the countries' leaders and decided to stay _____ in the war.
✔ **A) heeded / neutral**
To **heed** a warning means to pay attention to it and follow it. To stay **neutral** in a war means not to support either side.

6. The ancient _____ that we studied in class today was very important because it spread _____ and trade throughout the world.
✔ **B) empire / commerce**
An **empire** is a group of countries ruled by one leader, and you can study it in class. **Commerce** means buying and selling, which goes naturally with 'and trade'.

7. The king's two sons had to fight to see who would become the next king. Whoever was the _____ would get to sit upon his father's _____.
✔ **B) victor / throne**
The **victor** is the person who wins a fight. A **throne** is the special chair a king sits on, so the winner would sit on his father's throne.

8. The cold and dirt had _____ the poor man's clothing to almost nothing, and the mayor felt _____ for him and took him home to his house.
✔ **B) reduced / pity**
To **reduce** something means to make it smaller or less, so his clothing was reduced to almost nothing. To feel **pity** for someone means to feel sorry for them.

9. The businessmen _____ the student because they didn't agree with his opinions concerning the _____.
✔ **B) persecuted / economy**
To **persecute** someone means to treat them cruelly or unfairly, often because of their beliefs or opinions. The **economy** is the system of money, trade and business in a country, a topic people can have opinions about.

10. The men had _____ the small lake of all its fish and were _____ to going without fish for many years.
✔ **B) depleted / condemned**
To **deplete** something means to use up most or all of it, so the lake had no fish left. To be **condemned** to something means to be forced to suffer it, here going without fish for many years.

11. **Choose the answer that best fits the question.**
Who is someone who would NOT sit on a throne?
✔ **C) A chef**
A **throne** is the special chair of a ruler. Kings, queens and emperors sit on thrones, but a **chef** is a cook, not a ruler.

12. All of the following describe something that's cozy EXCEPT _____.
✔ **B) large**
Cozy means warm, comfortable and relaxing. It does not mean **large**; in fact, cozy places are often small.

13. What is something that you might heed?
✔ **D) Advice**
To **heed** something means to pay attention to it and follow it. You heed **advice** or a warning, e.g. **She heeded her doctor's advice.**

14. If someone can't control their temper, then they are likely to easily become _____.
✔ **A) upset**
A **temper** is a tendency to become angry. Someone who can't control their temper quickly becomes **upset** or angry.

15. Which of the following is something a scribe would use?
✔ **C) A pen**
A **scribe** is a person who writes or copies books and documents by hand, so a scribe would use **a pen**.

16. **Much of the forest had been depleted by the empire.**
✔ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 1 says **the empire had depleted many of the forests**, so the statement is true.

17. **The sheep were important to the western areas' economy.**
✔ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 1 says **the trees** were important to the western areas' economy. Sheep are not mentioned, so the statement is false.

18. **The scribe hitchhiked to the capital to ask the emperor for charity.**
✔ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 2 says the scribe **hitchhiked to the capital to ask the emperor for charity**, so the statement is true.

19. **The scribe sat upon his throne, and the emperor stood in front of him.**
✔ **B) FALSE**
The text says the **emperor** sat upon his throne and the **scribe** stood in front of him. The statement swaps them, so it is false.

20. **The emperor condemned the citizens of the western areas to hard work.**
✔ **B) FALSE**
The text says the citizens were **condemned to starve**, not to hard work, so the statement is false.

21. **If the emperor had heeded the scribe's warning, the citizens might have been the victors.**
✔ **A) TRUE**
The last paragraph says: **If he had heeded the words of the scribe, then the citizens might have been the victors.** So the statement is true.

22. **Why were the citizens hungry?**
✔ **B) They couldn't buy goods.**
Paragraph 1 says that with no trees to sell, citizens **could no longer purchase the goods** they needed, so they were poor and hungry. Not 'Commerce was high': the text says commerce was **reduced**.

23. **The emperor's palace was all of the following EXCEPT _____.**
✔ **C) cold and dark**
The text says the palace was **large and cozy**, with fires burning warmly in every fireplace, so it was not **cold and dark**. Palaces were built with wood, and the scribe went to the capital to visit it.

24. **When the emperor heard the scribe's request, how did he behave?**
✔ **D) He showed his temper.**
The text says that when he heard the request, **the emperor's bad temper surfaced** and he mocked the scribe. Not 'He felt pity': the text says he felt **no pity**.

25. **At the end of the story, what happened to the emperor?**
✔ **A) He was defeated.**
The last paragraph begins: **The emperor was defeated.** The citizens did not fight the invaders, so the enemy reached the capital.

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