ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. **Choose the right word for the given definition.**
to give something away
✓ **B) distribute**
Distribute means to give something out or share it among people: **Food was distributed to the families.** Not **conserve**, which means to protect or save something.

2. extremely important
✓ **C) crucial**
Crucial means extremely important: **Water is crucial for plants. Cumulative** means growing by adding parts, and **federal** means coming from the national government.

3. where something begins
✓ **A) birthplace**
A **birthplace** is the place where someone is born or where something begins: **Cloud forests are the birthplace of many plants.** Not **formation**, which is how something is made.

4. a person's goal
✓ **C) objective**
An **objective** is a goal, something you want to achieve: **Our objective is to win.** Not **strategy**, which is the plan you use to reach a goal.

5. unusual and unfamiliar
✓ **B) exotic**
Exotic describes something unusual and unfamiliar, often from a faraway place: **exotic birds**. **Beneficial** means good for you.

6. **Choose the right definition for the given word.**
strategy
✓ **A) a plan**
A **strategy** is a plan for reaching a goal: **a strategy to save the forests**. Not **a goal**, because a goal is an **objective**.

7. beneficial
✓ **B) good for you**
Beneficial means good for you or helpful: **Exercise is beneficial to your health.** 'Filled with trees' is **wooded**, and 'unusual or exciting' is **exotic**.

8. formation
✓ **A) how something is made**
Formation is how something is made or develops: **the formation of clouds**. 'How often something happens' is **frequency**.

9. federal
✓ **B) coming from the government**
Federal means coming from or relating to the national government: **federal money**. 'Made from added parts' describes **cumulative**.

10. conserve
✓ **A) to protect**
To **conserve** something means to protect it or keep it from being wasted: **We must conserve water.** 'To give' is closer to **distribute**.

11. **Choose the answer that best fits the question.**
Which word has about the same meaning as capacity?
✓ **D) maximum amount**
Capacity is the maximum amount something can hold: **The stadium has a capacity of 50,000 people.** Not **expand**, which means to get bigger.

12. Which of these can be cumulative?
✓ **A) Snow**
Cumulative means growing by adding more and more over time. Snow can be cumulative because each snowfall adds to what is already on the ground.

13. What is something you would deposit into a closet?
✓ **B) Jackets**
To **deposit** means to put something somewhere. You put jackets into a closet. Not **money**, because you deposit money into a bank, not a closet.

14. What is something you probably wouldn't encounter in a rainforest?
✓ **D) Kangaroos**
To **encounter** means to meet or come across something. Rainforests have many trees, monkeys and humid weather, but kangaroos usually live in open grassland and dry areas.

15. In which place is there a high frequency of snowfall?
✓ **A) Antarctica**
Frequency means how often something happens. Antarctica is covered in snow and ice, while Spain, England and Australia get snow much less often.

16. **The equator provides much of the world's oxygen supply.**
✓ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 1 says that **rainforests** provide much of the world's oxygen supply, not the equator. The equator is only mentioned as the area where cloud forests are found.

17. People have been trying to conserve rainforests for years.
✓ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 1 says: **People have been trying to conserve rainforests for years.** So the statement is true.

18. Another type of forest — the cloud forest — is just as beneficial to humans as a rainforest.
✓ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 1 says the cloud forest **is just as beneficial to humans** as the rainforest. So the statement is true.

19. These humid, wooded mountaintops are mainly in African and European countries.
✓ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 2 says the mountaintops are mainly in **African and Central and South American** countries. Europe is not mentioned, so the statement is false.

20. Cloud forests are being destroyed with increasing frequency.
✓ **A) TRUE**
The last paragraph says: **These forests are being destroyed with increasing frequency.** So the statement is true.

21. Some people have an objective to get federal money to protect the forests.
✓ **A) TRUE**
The last paragraph says: **Some people have an objective to get federal money to protect the forests.** So the statement is true.

22. Where are cloud forests located?
✓ **A) Near the equator**
Paragraph 2 says cloud forests are at the tops of mountains, **generally near the equator**. Not 'In Europe': Europe is only used to compare the number of plant types.

23. How do the trees in cloud forests make water?
✓ **A) They pull it in from clouds.**
Paragraph 3 says: **The trees in these forests pull water out of the clouds.** Not 'They let it gather in leaves': the moisture gathers **on** the leaves only after the trees pull it from the clouds.

24. How much of the yearly rainfall can cloud forests pull in?
✓ **C) Up to 60 percent**
Paragraph 3 says the yearly rainfall is 173-198 centimeters and **cloud forests can pull in up to 60 percent of that**. The centimeter figures describe the total rainfall, not the amount the forests pull in.

25. Why do some people want federal money?
✓ **D) To protect the forests**
The last paragraph says some people want to get federal money **to protect the forests**. Not 'To plant more trees': replacing plants is described as a different **strategy**.

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