ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

4000 Essential English Words 4 Unit 29: The Solar Car Race

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Explanations

1. **Choose the word that is the better fit for each blank.**
A survey found that not very many people like the _____. So he is trying to think of ways to _____ his image and make people like him.
✔ **B) candidate / enhance**
A **candidate** is a person who wants to be chosen, for example in an election. To **enhance** something means to make it better, so he wants to improve his image.

2. We live in a (an) _____ where people are very concerned about conserving our natural resources. Many people think using _____ energy is a good way to do this.
✔ **A) era / solar**
An **era** is a long period of time in history, so we say **live in an era**. **Solar** energy comes from the sun and helps save natural resources.

3. The company doesn't want to _____ the air anymore, so they are going to _____ new rules for disposing of waste.
✔ **B) pollute / incorporate**
To **pollute** means to make air, water or land dirty. To **incorporate** means to include something as part of a plan or system, so the company will include new rules.

4. The _____ files were locked in the basement. The information in them was about important customers and had to be kept _____.
✔ **A) corporate / confidential**
Corporate means belonging to a company, so these are company files. **Confidential** means secret, and the clue is **had to be kept**: the information must stay private.

5. In the early 1900s, music records were an amazing _____. People back then would have been even more amazed by today's _____ music players.
✔ **B) phenomenon / mobile**
A **phenomenon** is something amazing or unusual that people notice. **Mobile** means easy to carry or move, like today's **mobile music players**.

6. The old _____ was very large and difficult to drive. Jane had trouble parking it between the _____ lines in the parking lot.
✔ **A) automobile / parallel**
An **automobile** is a car, which you drive and park. **Parallel** lines run side by side and never meet, like the lines in a parking lot.

7. Ben didn't listen to my advice about _____. Instead, he _____ me and continued to drive fast, eventually causing an accident.
✔ **B) transportation / ridiculed**
Transportation means ways of travelling, such as driving. To **ridicule** someone means to laugh at them and make them look silly. Ben laughed at the advice instead of following it.

8. The _____ for the race are very simple: just run as fast as you can. There will be short _____ when you can stop for a drink of water.
✔ **A) guidelines / intervals**
Guidelines are rules that tell you how to do something. **Intervals** are the times or spaces between things, so the runners can stop at regular points for water.

9. The government decided to _____ its borders. It made several of its _____ smaller so that it could create a new one.
✔ **A) modify / territories**
To **modify** means to change something a little, so the government changed its borders. **Territories** are areas of land under a government's control.

10. The baseball _____ is always a lot of fun. It allows students from all over the city to _____ with each other.
✔ **A) tournament / interact**
A **tournament** is a competition with many games or players. To **interact** means to talk and do things with other people.

11. **Choose the answer that best fits the question.**
Which of the following means confidential?
✔ **D) secret**
Confidential means **secret**: it must not be told to other people. Example: **This letter is confidential.**

12. What is the word solar related to?
✔ **C) The sun**
Solar means related to **the sun**, as in **solar energy** or **solar panels**.

13. Which of these is mobile?
✔ **B) A bus**
Mobile means able to move from place to place. **A bus** moves, but trees, buildings and sidewalks stay in one place.

14. Which of the following is a form of transportation?
✔ **B) an airplane**
Transportation is a way of moving people or things from one place to another. **An airplane** carries people, so it is a form of transportation.

15. Which of these words is related to corporate?
✓ **A) Business**
Corporate means connected with a company or **business**, as in **corporate offices** or **corporate organizations**. Not **competition**: companies may compete, but the word itself is about business.

16. **Candidates for this tournament must design their own cars.**
✓ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 2 says: **Candidates for this tournament must design their own cars.** So the statement is true.

17. **Before the race, teams keep their plans confidential.**
✓ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 2 says: **The teams keep all their plans confidential.** They keep their plans secret, so the statement is true.

18. **The cars incorporate metal panels on the outside that lie parallel to each other.**
✓ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 3 says the cars incorporate **solar panels**, not metal panels. These panels take in light from the sun, so the statement is false.

19. **These cars drive less than 3,000 kilometers across the Australian territories.**
✓ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 4 says the cars race **over 3,000 kilometers**, which means more than 3,000, not less. So the statement is false.

20. **The drivers have to heed strict transportation guidelines.**
✓ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 4 says: **The drivers have to heed strict guidelines.** To **heed** means to pay attention to and follow, so the statement is true.

21. **They must stop at certain intervals to put air in their tires.**
✓ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 4 says they stop at intervals **to charge their batteries**. It says nothing about putting air in tires, so the statement is false.

22. **What is the most important feature of the racecars?**
✓ **C) The solar panels**
Paragraph 3 says: **Most importantly, the cars incorporate solar panels.** The words **most importantly** show the key feature. Not **the simple design**: the passage mentions it, but not as the most important thing.

23. **The objective of the race is to find out how the solar cars ____.**
✓ **A) drive in normal conditions**
Paragraph 4 says: **The objective is to see how well the cars work under normal driving conditions.** Not **can go faster**: the passage says they drive at normal speed limits.

24. **Where are the race teams from?**
✓ **D) Corporate organizations**
Paragraph 1 says the teams come **from universities and corporate organizations**. Only **corporate organizations** is among the options. Not **Australian territories**: that is where the race takes place, not where the teams come from.

25. **Why don't the teams interact with other teams?**
✓ **A) The race is competitive.**
Paragraph 2 says: **They don't interact with other teams because the race is very competitive.** Not **the rules are strict**: the rules are about driving during the race, not about talking to other teams.

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