ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. **Choose the answer that best fits the question.**
Which of the following is a kind of storm?
✔ **A) A typhoon**
A **typhoon** is a very strong storm with heavy wind and rain, common over the Pacific Ocean. A bill, a sergeant and a boundary are not kinds of weather.

2. Which of the following would come from a farm?
✔ **A) Organic vegetables**
Organic vegetables are grown on a farm without chemicals. Wool comes from farm animals, but **textiles** (cloth) are made in a factory.

3. Which of the following would help students taking a test?
✔ **D) Consistent studying**
Consistent means doing something the same way all the time. Studying regularly, every day, helps students do well on a test. **Sheer luck** is luck alone, and you can't plan for it.

4. Who should expect to receive something?
✔ **B) A dead man's heir**
An **heir** is a person who receives money or property when someone dies. So a dead man's heir expects to get something.

5. Which of the following would be loudest?
✔ **D) Wailing children**
To **wail** means to cry loudly because you are sad or in pain. Wailing children make a lot of noise.

6. Which word is not related to martial arts?
✔ **D) Tango**
Martial arts are fighting sports such as taekwondo, karate and judo. The **tango** is a dance, not a fighting sport.

7. What can a person get from poultry?
✔ **A) Meat**
Poultry means birds kept on a farm, such as chickens and ducks. People get meat and eggs from them.

8. What is part of a person's wardrobe?
✔ **C) A dress**
A person's **wardrobe** is all the clothes they own. A dress is a piece of clothing, so it is part of a wardrobe.

9. Where would you most likely find a sergeant?
✔ **B) In an army**
A **sergeant** is a rank of soldier who gives orders to lower soldiers. You find sergeants in an army or in the police.

10. Which situation is full of chaos?
✔ **D) Armies fighting**
Chaos is a state of complete disorder and confusion. A battle between armies is full of chaos. The other situations are calm and normal.

11. The **heir** of Mr. Smith's fortune _____.
✔ **D) will become very rich**
An **heir** receives someone's money or property after they die. The heir of a **fortune** (a lot of money) will become very rich.

12. This is a **martial** matter, _____.
✔ **D) and the soldiers should take care of it**
Martial means related to soldiers, the army or war. A martial matter is something for the soldiers to deal with.

13. The kids started **wailing** _____.
✔ **B) when their toys were taken away**
To **wail** is to cry loudly. Children often wail when something they love, like their toys, is taken away.

14. I used the **telegraph** to _____.
✔ **E) tell my family about the new baby**
A **telegraph** was an old way of sending messages over long distances by wire. You use it to tell someone news, such as news about a new baby.

15. Everyone **scrambled** to _____.
✔ **B) avoid the rushing water**
To **scramble** means to move quickly and in a hurry, often in a messy way. People scramble to get away from danger, like rushing water.

16. The **sergeant** ordered the _____.
✔ **E) other soldiers to march**
A **sergeant** is a soldier who gives orders to other soldiers. **Order someone to do something**: **ordered the other soldiers to march**.

17. He's very **consistent** and _____.
✔ **A) never really changes his attitude**
Consistent means always behaving in the same way. A consistent person never really changes his attitude.

18. When the **cyclone** arrives, _____.
✔ **A) there will be a lot of wind and rain**
A **cyclone** is a powerful storm with strong circular winds. When it arrives, there is a lot of wind and rain.

19. The **boundary** of my land _____.
✓ **C) is the fence, not the road**
A **boundary** is the line that marks the edge of an area of land. The sentence needs a verb after **the boundary of my land**, so **is the fence, not the road** fits.

20. First, we color the **textiles**, _____.
✓ **C) and then we make them into clothes**
Textiles are cloth or fabric. First the cloth is colored, and then it is made into clothes.

21. During the summer, we always keep a supply of food and water in the basement _____.
✓ **E) because that's when tornados are common**
Always keep shows a habit every summer, so the reason must also be general: **that's when tornados are common**. Not **since the typhoon was raging**, because that describes one past event.

22. He didn't like a strong central government, _____.
✓ **C) so we knew his stance on politics**
A **stance** is a person's opinion or position on a topic. His view on government showed us his stance on politics.

23. He failed the test, _____.
✓ **E) but that doesn't mean the school year is doomed**
Doomed means certain to fail or end badly. Failing one test doesn't mean the whole school year will fail; **but** shows this contrast.

24. I won't go to fast food restaurants _____.
✓ **A) because I only eat organic food**
Organic food is grown without chemicals. Fast food is usually not organic, so someone who only eats organic food won't go to fast food restaurants.

25. I was disappointed _____.
✓ **A) because of their sheer lack of sportsmanship**
Sheer means complete or total. **Sheer lack of sportsmanship** means the players behaved very unfairly, which is a good reason to be disappointed.

26. The police were called _____.
✓ **B) because the event turned into chaos**
Chaos is complete disorder. The police are called when an event becomes wild and out of control.

27. We all took shelter, _____.
✓ **D) since the typhoon was raging**
A **typhoon** is a very strong storm. People take shelter when a typhoon is **raging** (very strong and violent). Both parts are in the past tense.

28. He quickly took out his credit card, _____.
✓ **C) so he could pay the bill**
A **bill** is a paper that shows how much money you must pay. He took out his credit card **so he could** pay it.

29. I want to buy a new suit, _____.
✓ **B) but my wardrobe is pretty full**
A **wardrobe** is all the clothes a person owns (or the cupboard for them). **But** shows the contrast: he wants a new suit, although he already has many clothes.

30. She lost a few kilos _____.
✓ **D) because she ate only poultry and fruit**
Poultry is meat from birds like chicken, which is low in fat. Eating only poultry and fruit helped her lose weight. **She** matches **she ate**.

31. Tom was a farmer who grew organic vegetables and poultry.
✓ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 1 says **Martin** was the farmer who grew organic vegetables and raised poultry. Tom was a former sergeant who ran a martial arts school.

32. Paul's wardrobe was filled with clothes from his factory.
✓ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 1 says Paul owned a textile factory and **his wardrobe was filled with his own products**.

33. Tom was a sergeant in the army before running a martial arts school.
✓ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 1 says Tom **was once a sergeant in the army** and then ran a martial arts school.

34. Martin's stance on discipline was too strong.
✓ **B) FALSE**
It was **Tom**, not Martin, whose stance on discipline was too strong. Martin's problem was that he was disorganized.

35. The brothers learned of their father's death through a telegraph.
✓ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 2 says **they received a telegraph saying that their father had died**.

36. The brothers could easily see the land's boundary.
✓ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 2 says there was so much land that **they could barely see its boundary**. **Barely** means only just, with great difficulty, so they could not see it easily.

37. The brothers were consistent about what two things?
✓ **C) Bad business and arguing**
Paragraph 1 says they were consistent about two things: **they couldn't succeed in business** and **they never agreed about anything**. So the answer is bad business and arguing.

38. The brothers were almost knocked down by _____.
✓ **D) the sheer force of the wind**
Paragraph 3 says **the sheer force of the wind almost knocked them over**. The word **chaos** appears only at the end of the story, not here.

39. Why wasn't Paul's textile factory successful?
✓ **A) He was greedy and took home clothes.**
Paragraph 1 says Paul **was organized, but he was greedy and took too much clothing**. Not **too disorganized**, because that was Martin's problem.

40. Who was the father's heir?
✓ **D) All three men**
Paragraph 2 says **they were heirs to his old farm**. **They** means all three brothers.