ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

4000 Essential English Words 4 Unit 6: Jack Frost and the Pudding

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Explanations

1. **Choose the right word for the given definition.**
a set of clothes
✔ **B) suit**
A **suit** is a set of clothes that match, usually a jacket with trousers or a skirt: **He wore a suit to the interview.**

2. common people
✔ **A) folk**
Folk (often **folks**) means ordinary, common people: **The folks in this town are friendly.**

3. to get smaller
✔ **C) shrink**
To **shrink** means to become smaller: **My sweater shrank in the wash.** Not **melt**, which means to turn into liquid.

4. a large cloth worn on the back
✔ **B) cape**
A **cape** is a large piece of cloth with no sleeves, worn over the shoulders and back: **Superman wears a red cape.**

5. happening at the same rate everywhere
✔ **A) evenly**
Evenly means in the same way or amount everywhere: **Spread the butter evenly on the bread.**

6. **Choose the right definition for the given word.**
melt
✔ **B) to turn to liquid**
To **melt** means to change from a solid into a liquid because of heat: **The ice melted in the sun.** Not "to get smaller", which is **shrink**.

7. spark
✔ **A) a flash of fire**
A **spark** is a very small, quick flash of fire or light: **Sparks flew from the fire.**

8. rail
✔ **A) a horizontal bar**
A **rail** is a horizontal bar, for example on a fence or along stairs: **Hold the rail when you go down the stairs.**

9. absolute
✔ **D) total and complete**
Absolute means total and complete: **The party was an absolute success.** "Said when bad things happen" is the meaning of **alas**.

10. pleasure
✔ **C) a feeling of happiness**
Pleasure is a feeling of happiness or enjoyment: **Reading gives me great pleasure.**

11. Mom made chocolate **pudding** _____.
✔ **B) for dessert last night**
A **pudding** is a sweet, soft dessert, so the sentence **Mom made chocolate pudding for dessert last night** makes sense.

12. He is very **attentive** _____.
✔ **C) during science class**
Attentive means paying careful attention. A student can be **attentive during science class**.

13. People wore **capes** more often _____.
✔ **B) two hundred years ago**
The sentence needs a time phrase: **People wore capes more often two hundred years ago**. A **cape** is a large cloth worn over the back.

14. His strong **spirit** _____.
✔ **E) could not be hurt by mean comments**
Your **spirit** is your inner character or personality. **His strong spirit could not be hurt by mean comments** means unkind words did not make him weak. We say **hurt by** something.

15. I can't **envision** you _____.
✔ **A) as a politician**
To **envision** means to imagine. **I can't envision you as a politician** means "I can't imagine you in that job."

16. It was a **pleasure** _____.
✔ **D) to meet you**
It was a pleasure to meet you is a polite phrase that means you enjoyed meeting someone.

17. His **role** at work is _____.
✔ **D) to manage the team of employees**
A **role** is the job or purpose someone has. **His role at work is to manage the team of employees.**

18. The cat is sitting on the **rail** _____.
✔ **A) of the fence**
A **rail** is a horizontal bar, so a cat can sit **on the rail of the fence**.

19. For this **recipe**, I will need _____.
✓ **E) flour, eggs and sugar**
A **recipe** is a set of instructions for cooking something, and it lists the ingredients you need, such as **flour, eggs and sugar**.

20. There were **sparks** flying _____.
✓ **C) out of the computer**
Sparks are small flashes of fire. They can fly **out of the computer** when something breaks inside it.

21. If you wash this silk shirt in hot water, _____.
✓ **E) it will shrink**
Hot water can make clothes smaller, so the shirt **will shrink**. Not **melt**: cloth does not turn into liquid.

22. Tony didn't practice the presentation, _____.
✓ **C) so it was an absolute disaster**
So introduces a result. Tony didn't practice, **so it was an absolute disaster**, which means a total failure.

23. I studied hard for the test, _____.
✓ **E) but alas, I still didn't do very well**
But shows a contrast, and **alas** is a word we say when something bad happens: **I studied hard for the test, but alas, I still didn't do very well.**

24. Dan was very unlucky _____.
✓ **B) because he fell in a patch of rocks**
Because gives the reason he was unlucky: he fell in **a patch of rocks**. A **patch** is a small area that is different from what is around it.

25. Christmas is an important holiday _____.
✓ **A) when folks meet with their families**
When tells us about the time of the holiday: **when folks meet with their families**. **Folks** means people.

26. If you put the butter near the fire, _____.
✓ **D) it will melt**
Heat turns butter into liquid, so near the fire **it will melt**. Not **shrink**, because heat makes butter liquid, not smaller.

27. This pan was so dirty _____.
✓ **C) that I had to soak it overnight**
The pattern is **so + adjective + that**: **so dirty that I had to soak it overnight**. To **soak** means to leave something in water for a long time.

28. To protect the kingdom, _____.
✓ **A) the soldiers spread out evenly**
The sentence needs a main clause: **the soldiers spread out evenly**, which means they stood at equal distances from each other.

29. I knew the television had broken _____.
✓ **D) when I heard the pop**
A **pop** is a short, sudden sound. **I knew the television had broken when I heard the pop.**

30. At work, we have to dress well, _____.
✓ **B) so I usually wear a suit**
So gives a result: we have to dress well, **so I usually wear a suit**.

31. **Tom Muggins likes playing tricks on folks.**
✓ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 1 says that **Jack Frost** gets pleasure from playing tricks on common folks. Tom Muggins is the man he plays a trick on, so the statement is false.

32. **Jack Frost was sitting on the rail of a fence.**
✓ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 2 says Jack Frost **was sitting on the rail of a fence** near a river.

33. **Jack Frost's role is to cover everything with fire.**
✓ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 1 says his role is to cover everything with **frost and ice**, not fire. He only makes a spark later, as a trick.

34. **Tom wished that he had been more attentive.**
✓ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 5 says Tom **wished he had been more attentive** and had noticed that Jack was around.

35. **Tom said "Alas!" because he knew he wouldn't have any cake.**
✓ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 3: after the food was ruined, Tom cried, **"Alas! There'll be no cake for me!"**

36. **When Jack Frost set fire to the food, the eggs started to melt.**
✓ **B) FALSE**
The last paragraph says **the butter** was melting and the eggs were **starting to cook**. The eggs did not melt.

37. **What was Tom wearing?**
✓ **A) A nice suit**
Paragraph 4 says Tom's **nice suit** got soaked. Not **a cape**: Jack Frost is the one who wears a white cape.

38. **Which of the following was NOT an ingredient of the wonderful pudding?**
✓ **D) Chocolate**
Tom's basket had flour, fruit, sugar, eggs and butter. **Chocolate** is never mentioned in the passage.

39. **What shrank when it got soaked in the river?**
✓ **B) A stick of butter**
Paragraph 3 says **a stick of butter shrank** in the water. Tom's suit got soaked, but it did not shrink.

40. **What happened when there was a pop sound?**
✓ **C) The trees became covered in frost.**
Paragraph 2: when Jack pointed at the trees, **there was a pop, and the trees were evenly covered in frost**. The fire came later, with a **spark**.