ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. **Choose the answer that best fits the question.**
You would have empathy if you _____.
✔ **A) shared sad feelings**
Empathy is the ability to understand and share another person's feelings. So you show empathy when you **share sad feelings** with someone who is unhappy.

2. How would you feel if there was a dearth of food?
✔ **B) Hungry**
A **dearth** is a lack or shortage of something. If there is a dearth of food, there is not enough to eat, so you would feel **hungry**. Not **full**, which is the opposite.

3. If something is a convenience, then it makes _____.
✔ **D) a task easier**
A **convenience** is something that makes life or work easier, e.g. **A dishwasher is a great convenience.** So it makes **a task easier**.

4. How would a resourceful person deal with a problem?
✔ **D) Find a solution**
A **resourceful** person is good at finding clever ways to deal with difficulties. Such a person would **find a solution** rather than give up or ask others for help.

5. If something was deliberate, then it was _____.
✔ **C) done on purpose**
Deliberate means done intentionally, **on purpose**, not by accident, e.g. **It was a deliberate mistake.**

6. How would you describe someone feeling a sense of outrage?
✔ **B) Upset**
Outrage is a strong feeling of anger and shock. Someone feeling outrage is very **upset**. **Peaceful** is close to the opposite.

7. What fanciful idea might a doctor have?
✔ **D) Ask a fairy for advice**
Fanciful means imaginative but not realistic or practical. **Asking a fairy for advice** is unrealistic; the other options are normal, sensible things a doctor does.

8. What would a tired person likely opt to do?
✔ **D) Go to bed**
To **opt** means to choose. A tired person would most likely choose to **go to bed**.

9. To rectify hurting your friend, you would _____.
✔ **A) say sorry**
To **rectify** something means to correct it or make it right. To make up for hurting a friend, you would **say sorry**.

10. What might appall a teacher?
✔ **C) A mean attitude**
To **appall** means to shock or disgust someone. A teacher would be shocked by **a mean attitude**, not by smart or happy students.

11. **Choose the one that is similar in meaning to the given word.**
outrage
✔ **B) anger**
Outrage means a strong feeling of **anger** and shock, e.g. **The new tax caused public outrage.**

12. rectify
✔ **A) to correct**
To **rectify** means **to correct** or put right, e.g. **We must rectify the mistake.**

13. sustenance
✔ **C) food and drink**
Sustenance is the **food and drink** that people and animals need to stay alive and strong.

14. dire
✔ **A) terrible**
Dire means very serious or **terrible**, e.g. **They were in dire need of help.**

15. opt
✔ **D) to choose**
To **opt** means **to choose** one thing instead of another, e.g. **She opted to stay at home.**

16. **Choose the one that is opposite in meaning to the given word.**
tedious
✔ **A) fun**
Tedious means long, dull and boring. Its opposite is **fun**.

17. appall
✔ **C) to please**
To **appall** means to shock or disgust someone. The opposite is **to please**, which means to make someone happy.

18. paltry
✔ **B) large**
Paltry means very small in amount or of little value. The opposite is **large**. Not **worthless**, which is close in meaning to paltry, not opposite.

19. grueling
✔ **C) easy**
Grueling means extremely difficult and tiring. The opposite is **easy**. Not **rough**, which is similar in meaning.

20. resourceful
✔ **A) foolish**
Resourceful means clever at finding ways to solve problems. The opposite is **foolish**, meaning lacking good sense.

21. **Choose C if the italicized word is used correctly. Choose I if the word is used incorrectly.**
I had a big breakfast. Many hours will *elapse* before I feel hungry again.
✔ **A) C**
To **elapse** means (of time) to pass. After a big breakfast, many hours will pass before you feel hungry, so the word is used correctly.

22. Dan was a nice man, but no one would work for him because of his *fanciful* ideas.
✔ **A) C**
Fanciful ideas are imaginative but unrealistic. It makes sense that people would not want to work for someone with impractical ideas, so the word is used correctly.

23. I was very grateful for my birthday gifts. I *griped* about them to all of my friends.
✔ **B) I**
To **gripe** means to complain. A person who is grateful for gifts would not complain about them, so the word is used incorrectly.

24. Because there was a *dearth* of food at home, the family went out to eat.
✔ **A) C**
A **dearth** is a shortage. Because there was not enough food at home, the family went out to eat, so the word is used correctly.

25. The puppy was happy to learn new tricks. Each one was very *mundane* for him.
✔ **B) I**
Mundane means ordinary and boring. A puppy that is happy to learn new tricks would not find them boring, so the word is used incorrectly.

26. Mother *allotted* me and my brother the money. Now she had all the money.
✔ **B) I**
To **allot** means to give out a share of something. If Mother gave the money to her sons, she would not still have all of it, so the word is used incorrectly.

27. The boy was proud of his trophies. He displayed them in a *cache* for everyone to see.
✔ **B) I**
A **cache** is a hidden store of things. Trophies displayed for everyone to see are not hidden, so the word is used incorrectly.

28. Because he had planned for the trap to capture his victim, he was very *deliberate*.
✔ **A) C**
Deliberate means done on purpose after careful planning. He had planned the trap, so his actions were deliberate and the word is used correctly.

29. The violent criminal was on the news this evening. His actions *appalled* most people.
✔ **A) C**
To **appall** means to shock and disgust. Violent actions would shock most people, so the word is used correctly.

30. That man is very selfish. He has *empathy* for every person he meets.
✔ **B) I**
Empathy means understanding and sharing other people's feelings. A selfish man would not have empathy for everyone, so the word is used incorrectly.

31. **Beth was resourceful and conservative, so she gathered a paltry pile of beans for her cache.**
✔ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 1 says that by winter Beth **had collected a massive pile** of beans. **Paltry** means very small, so the statement is false. It was Mary who had only a paltry amount of food.

32. **Although gathering food was tedious, Beth allotted a few hours of every day to do it.**
✔ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 1 says gathering food was a **grueling and mundane** (boring, tedious) activity, **but** Beth still **allotted herself a few hours every day** to collect beans because it was important. So the statement is true.

33. **Beth did grueling and mundane work to overcome the dearth of food in the winter.**
✔ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 1 says Beth knew there would be a **dearth of food** in winter, so she did the **grueling and mundane** work of gathering beans. The statement is true.

34. **Beth's reply appalled Mary and made her reply in outrage.**
✔ **A) TRUE**
The passage says **Beth's words appalled Mary** and **Mary cried with outrage**, "There is too much work!" So the statement is true.

35. **When the hours of autumn elapsed, Mary had a massive amount of food.**
✔ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 2 says that when the final hours of autumn elapsed, Mary had only a **paltry** (very small) amount of food. It was Beth who had a **massive** pile, so the statement is false.