ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. **Choose the answer that best fits the question.**
What is a type of enterprise?
✓ **B) A sign company**
An **enterprise** is a business or company, often one set up to make money. **A sign company** is a business, so it is a type of enterprise. A textbook and a date are not organizations at all.

2. What kind of person would most people have contempt for?
✓ **A) A killer**
Contempt is a strong feeling that someone deserves no respect at all. Most people feel this about someone who has done something very wrong, such as **a killer**. Students, farmers and veterinarians do ordinary, respected jobs or activities.

3. Which of these things would you most likely want to maximize?
✓ **C) Your income**
To **maximize** something means to make it as large as possible. People usually want more money, so they want to maximize **their income**. Most people want less debt and less foolishness, not more.

4. Where would you most likely find a ditch?
✓ **A) By a road**
A **ditch** is a long, narrow channel dug in the ground to carry water away. Ditches are very often dug along the side of a road so that rainwater can drain away.

5. What might a person sow?
✓ **A) Apple seeds**
To **sow** means to put seeds in the ground so that plants will grow. You can sow **apple seeds**, but you cannot sow dresses, animals or cake.

6. **Choose the one that is similar in meaning to the given word.**
maximize
✓ **D) to make great**
Maximize means to make something as great or as large as possible, for example **maximize profits**. The other options are nouns with unrelated meanings.

7. sow
✓ **A) to plant**
To **sow** means to plant seeds in the ground. Example: **Farmers sow wheat in the spring.**

8. upcoming
✓ **B) soon**
Upcoming describes something that will happen **soon**. Example: **the upcoming summer**. Don't confuse it with **uncommon**, which means rare.

9. exquisite
✓ **B) beautiful**
Exquisite means extremely **beautiful** and delicate. Example: **After a year, his farm looked exquisite.**

10. enterprise
✓ **B) a business**
An **enterprise** is **a business** or company. Example: **He financed a large aviation enterprise.** It is not just any group of people; it is an organization that does business.

11. ditch
✓ **C) a channel**
A **ditch** is a long, narrow **channel** dug in the ground, usually to carry water. It is not a river, because a river is natural and much bigger.

12. contempt
✓ **D) no respect**
Contempt is the feeling of having **no respect** for someone or something. It is the opposite of **praise**.

13. spade
✓ **B) a tool**
A **spade** is **a tool** with a long handle and a flat metal blade, used for digging. Example: **He took his spade and dug a ditch.**

14. irrigate
✓ **A) to water**
To **irrigate** means **to water** land or crops, usually through pipes or channels. Example: **Farmers irrigate their fields in dry weather.**

15. simplicity
✓ **D) easiness**
Simplicity is the quality of being simple or easy, which is **easiness**. Example: **the simplicity of life on a farm**.

16. **Choose C if the italicized word is used correctly. Choose I if the word is used incorrectly.**
I think the *soy* beans would taste better if we cooked them first.
✓ **A) C**
Soy is a plant whose beans are used as food, so **soy beans** is correct usage. The sentence makes sense: the beans would taste better cooked.

17. Jim said he would *finance* their new store for a share of their profits.
✓ **A) C**
To **finance** something means to provide the money for it. Jim would pay for the new store and get part of the profits in return, so the word is used correctly.

18. We all knew the *precaution* of our actions would be terrible.
✔ **B) I**
A **precaution** is something you do in advance to prevent a problem. The sentence needs a word for the results of an action, which is **consequences**, so **precaution** is used incorrectly.

19. The *preliminary* whistle blew, meaning the game was over.
✔ **B) I**
Preliminary means happening before the main part of something, at the beginning. A whistle that shows the game is over is the **final** whistle, so **preliminary** is used incorrectly.

20. It can be difficult to keep track of *monetary* matters.
✔ **A) C**
Monetary means related to money. **Monetary matters** are money matters, which can be hard to keep track of, so the word is used correctly.

21. The *indifferent* fan cheered loudly for his favorite team.
✔ **B) I**
Indifferent means not caring or not interested. A fan who cheers loudly for his favorite team clearly cares a lot, so **indifferent** is used incorrectly.

22. The *capitalist* believed that his efforts would lead to great profits in the future.
✔ **A) C**
A **capitalist** is a person who uses money to invest in businesses in order to make profits. Expecting great future profits fits this meaning, so the word is used correctly.

23. The company *accountant* found an error in the bank statement.
✔ **A) C**
An **accountant** is a person whose job is to keep and check financial records. Finding an error in a bank statement is exactly what an accountant does, so the word is used correctly.

24. I need to *dedicate* my house before the winter season.
✔ **B) I**
To **dedicate** yourself to something means to give it a lot of time and effort, for example **dedicate yourself to farming**. You cannot **dedicate** a house to get it ready for winter; a word like **prepare** is needed, so it is used incorrectly.

25. The rain *saturated* the ground so much that it was as dry as a stone.
✔ **B) I**
To **saturate** means to make something completely wet. Ground that is saturated cannot be **as dry as a stone**, so the word is used incorrectly.

26. **Bill could maximize monetary gains in the aviation enterprise that he financed.**
✔ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 1 says Bill **financed a large aviation enterprise that made a lot of money** and **knew how to maximize monetary gains in every business deal he made**. So the statement is true.

27. **Bill was indifferent to the farm's success.**
✔ **B) FALSE**
Bill was **indifferent** about his company's success, not the farm's. The end of the passage says he **dedicated himself to farming** and was finally happy, so he clearly cared about the farm. The statement is false.

28. **Bill irrigated his crops as a precaution for the upcoming rain in summer.**
✔ **B) FALSE**
Bill thought **the upcoming summer is going to be very dry**. He irrigated his crops **in case it doesn't rain enough**, so the precaution was against too little rain, not against rain. The statement is false.

29. **Bill dug a ditch with a spade.**
✔ **A) TRUE**
The passage says **He took his spade and dug a ditch down the middle of his farm.** So the statement is true.

30. **Bill sowed seeds and saturated the soy and cabbage plants.**
✔ **B) FALSE**
Bill did sow seeds, but the water was meant to **saturate the soil around every plant**, not the plants themselves. The passage also only describes what Bill planned, not what actually happened. The statement is false.

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