ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. **Choose the answer that best fits the question.**
Which would need to be supervised?
✔ **C) A new student**
To **supervise** means to watch someone and make sure they do something correctly. A **new student** is still learning, so they need someone to guide them. Not **an experienced pilot**, who already knows the job well.

2. What is most likely something that is situated?
✔ **A) A building**
If something is **situated** somewhere, it is in a particular place, e.g. **The hotel is situated near the beach.** Only a physical thing with a fixed location, like **a building**, can be situated.

3. What is something you can be appointed to?
✔ **B) A job**
To **appoint** someone means to choose them officially for a job or position, e.g. **She was appointed to the committee.** So you can be appointed to **a job**.

4. If someone confers with another person, _____.
✔ **C) they discuss something**
To **confer** with someone means to talk with them to share ideas or make a decision, e.g. **The doctors conferred before the operation.** So people who confer **discuss something**.

5. What is something that might be a cube?
✔ **A) A box**
A **cube** is a solid shape with six equal square sides, like a dice. **A box** can have this shape. Not **a disc**, which is flat and round.

6. **Choose C if the italicized word is used correctly.**
Choose I if the word is used incorrectly.
The *undergraduate* program at our school includes several possible degrees.
✔ **A) C**
An **undergraduate** is a university student studying for a first degree, such as a bachelor's degree. An **undergraduate program** with several possible degrees is a correct use.

7. She *conferred* with her coworkers before presenting their work to the boss.
✔ **A) C**
To **confer** with people means to discuss something with them. Talking with coworkers before presenting work to the boss is a natural situation for conferring, so the word is used correctly.

8. The rain made a *cube* on the grass.
✔ **B) I**
A **cube** is a solid shape with six square sides. Rain cannot make a cube on grass. It could make a **puddle**, so the word is used incorrectly.

9. The *tattoo* appeared very dark on her light-colored skin.
✔ **A) C**
A **tattoo** is a picture or pattern put permanently on the skin with ink. A dark tattoo on light skin makes sense, so the word is used correctly.

10. Our teacher was quick to give us *feedback* on our homework.
✔ **A) C**
Feedback is advice or comments about how well someone has done something. A teacher giving feedback on homework is a correct use.

11. The wall was *situated* in the north part of the yard.
✔ **A) C**
Situated means located in a particular place. A wall can be situated in the north part of a yard, so the word is used correctly.

12. The baby *supervised* her mother in the store.
✔ **B) I**
To **supervise** means to watch over someone and make sure they behave or work correctly. A baby cannot supervise her mother. It is the mother who supervises the baby, so the word is used incorrectly.

13. The *symmetry* of the flower arrangement made it look very attractive.
✔ **A) C**
Symmetry means that two halves of something are the same or balanced. Symmetry often makes things look attractive, so the word is used correctly.

14. The angry father *applauded* his son when he got in trouble at school.
✔ **B) I**
To **applaud** means to clap your hands to show approval or praise. An angry father would not applaud his son for getting in trouble. He would **scold** him, so the word is used incorrectly.

15. The manager needed an assistant. She *appointed* Bill to the new position.
✔ **A) C**
To **appoint** someone means to officially choose them for a job or position. The manager choosing Bill for the new position is a correct use.

16. The *masculine* girl looked very pretty in her new dress.
✔ **B) I**
Masculine describes qualities typical of men. A girl who looks pretty in a new dress would be described as **feminine**, so the word is used incorrectly.

17. In the final revision, he made sure his work was *crude*.
✔ **B) I**
Crude means rough, simple or not carefully done. In a final revision, you want your work to be careful and **polished**, not crude, so the word is used incorrectly.

18. The captain ordered the sailor to have better *posture*.
✔ **A) C**
Posture is the way you hold your body when you stand or sit. A captain could order a sailor to stand up straight with better posture, so the word is used correctly.

19. The *muscular* movie star always got the role of the superhero in the movie.
✔ **A) C**
Muscular means having big, strong muscles. A muscular actor playing a superhero makes sense, so the word is used correctly.

20. On our trip, we visited the *monument* built for George Washington.
✔ **A) C**
A **monument** is a building, statue or structure made to remember a famous person or event. A monument built for George Washington is a correct use.

21. His *ignorance* led him to the final round of the tournament.
✔ **B) I**
Ignorance means a lack of knowledge or information. Not knowing things would not help someone reach the final round of a tournament. **Skill** would, so the word is used incorrectly.

22. My favorite subject in college was *anthropology*.
✔ **A) C**
Anthropology is the study of people, their societies and cultures. It is a subject you can study in college, so the word is used correctly.

23. She leaves the lights on at night because of her *competence* for the dark.
✔ **B) I**
Competence is the ability to do something well. It has nothing to do with being afraid. The sentence needs a word like **fear** of the dark, so the word is used incorrectly.

24. When the couple got divorced, it was clear that they were *compatible*.
✔ **B) I**
Compatible people get along well and can live or work together happily. A couple who got divorced were clearly **incompatible**, so the word is used incorrectly.

25. Our basketball team won the championship for three *consecutive* years.
✔ **A) C**
Consecutive means following one after another without a break. Winning for three consecutive years means winning three years in a row, so the word is used correctly.

26. **Mark's masculine features included a mustache and a muscular body.**
✔ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 1 says Mark **looked very masculine**, **had a mustache** and **was very muscular**. So the statement is true.

27. **John laughed at Pharaoh Tut's ignorance.**
✔ **B) FALSE**
John laughed at **Mark's** ignorance, not Tut's. He says to Mark, **Your ignorance makes me laugh**, because Mark did not know that Tut was a teenager. So the statement is false.

28. **John appointed himself to supervise Mark's work and give him feedback about posture and symmetry.**
✔ **A) TRUE**
No one asked John to help. He offered himself: **I'll supervise your work. I'll give you feedback.** He then told Mark to give the statue **good posture** and **symmetry**. So the statement is true.

29. **Mark made crude measurements and situated a tattoo on his original monument's chest.**
✔ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 3 says Mark **made some crude measurements** and sculpted a very old man **with a tattoo on his chest**. This was his first statue, so the statement is true.

30. **John was an undergraduate who studied sculpture and anthropology.**
✔ **B) FALSE**
John was an undergraduate, but he studied **anthropology and history**, not sculpture. Mark was the sculptor. So the statement is false.

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