ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. **Choose the answer that best fits the question.**
Cosmetics are typically used to make someone _____.
✔ **A) look better**
Cosmetics are products such as lipstick and face powder that people put on their face or body. People use them to **look better**.

2. Which of the following would NOT be considered a subject studied in humanities?
✔ **D) Mathematics**
The **humanities** are subjects about human culture, such as literature, history, mythology, art and film. **Mathematics** is a science, so it is not part of the humanities. Not **Film**: film studies is a humanities subject.

3. Which of the following could NOT be used to make a knot?
✔ **A) Lines of clouds**
A **knot** is made by tying together pieces of something long and thin, such as wire, thread or yarn. You cannot tie **lines of clouds**, so they cannot make a knot.

4. Positive attributes include being energetic, optimistic, and _____.
✔ **C) cheerful**
Attributes are qualities a person has. Energetic and optimistic are good qualities, and **cheerful** (happy and positive) is good too. The other options are negative qualities.

5. Which of the following is similar in meaning to the word dash?
✔ **B) Run**
To **dash** means to run or go somewhere very quickly: **I dashed to the bus stop.** So it is similar to **run**. Stroll, crawl and meander all describe moving slowly.

6. **Choose the one that is similar in meaning to the given word.**
astounded
✔ **B) surprised**
Astounded means very surprised or shocked: **I was astounded by the news.**

7. disgust
✔ **D) anger**
Disgust is a strong feeling of dislike and anger about something bad or unpleasant. Of these options, it is closest to **anger**.

8. gulf
✔ **B) gap**
A **gulf** is a big difference or **gap** between people or groups: **There is a gulf between rich and poor.**

9. vague
✔ **C) unclear**
Vague means not clear or not detailed: **He gave a vague answer.** So it means **unclear**.

10. furious
✔ **C) angry**
Furious means extremely **angry**: **She was furious when he broke her phone.**

11. bilingual
✔ **D) using two languages**
Bilingual means able to speak two languages very well, or **using two languages**: **He is bilingual in English and Hindi.**

12. clone
✔ **D) copy**
A **clone** is an exact **copy** of a plant, animal or person. We also use it for people who look or act exactly the same: **The twins are like clones.**

13. plausible
✔ **C) possible**
Plausible means possible or likely to be true: **That's a plausible explanation.** So it is closest to **possible**.

14. skinny
✔ **B) thin**
Skinny means very **thin**, often too thin: **a skinny little dog**.

15. fluorescent
✔ **A) bright**
Fluorescent colours are very **bright** and easy to see, even in the dark: **a fluorescent yellow jacket**.

16. **Choose C if the italicized word is used correctly. Choose I if the word is used incorrectly.**
Kevin was very *vague* about his job interview, and he told me all the details.
✔ **B) I**
Vague means not clear and without details. If Kevin told me all the details, he was not vague, so the word is used incorrectly.

17. Liam had a *plausible* reason for not doing his work, saying aliens took it.
✔ **B) I**
A **plausible** reason is one that could easily be true. "Aliens took it" is not believable, so the word is used incorrectly.

18. Tom can only speak English. He is *bilingual*.
✔ **B) I**
Bilingual means speaking two languages. Tom speaks only English, so he is not bilingual, and the word is used incorrectly.

19. Emma likes studying *humanities* like chemistry and physics.
✔ **B) I**
The **humanities** are subjects like literature, history and languages. Chemistry and physics are sciences, so the word is used incorrectly.

20. Ivy doesn't have any *siblings*. It must be lonely without brothers or sisters.
✔ **A) C**
Siblings are your brothers and sisters. The second sentence explains this, so the word is used correctly.

21. The two brothers looked so much alike that they could be *clones*.
✔ **A) C**
A **clone** is an exact copy. Brothers who look almost the same could be called clones, so the word is used correctly.

22. My mother was *furious* when she heard that I passed all my exams.
✔ **B) I**
Furious means very angry. A mother would be happy, not angry, about good exam results, so the word is used incorrectly.

23. Miranda is so *skinny*. She really needs to lose some weight.
✔ **B) I**
Skinny means very thin. A skinny person does not need to lose weight, so the word is used incorrectly.

24. I was filled with *disgust* when I heard the news that he had lied to all of us.
✔ **A) C**
Disgust is a strong feeling of dislike and anger. Feeling this when someone lies to you makes sense, so the word is used correctly.

25. Sarah and I really understand each other. There is a big *gulf* between us.
✔ **B) I**
A **gulf** is a big gap or difference between people. If Sarah and I understand each other well, there is no gulf between us, so the word is used incorrectly.

26. Around the world, there are lots of different marriage *rituals*.
✔ **A) C**
A **ritual** is a set of actions that people always do in the same way, often at special events. Weddings have many rituals, so the word is used correctly.

27. We had lots of *participants* in the fishing competition last Saturday.
✔ **A) C**
Participants are people who take part in an activity or event. People can take part in a fishing competition, so the word is used correctly.

28. Kay is a *linguist* and will give a lecture on the best way to learn a language.
✔ **A) C**
A **linguist** is someone who studies languages or is good at learning them. A linguist could give a lecture on learning languages, so the word is used correctly.

29. You should wear dark clothes for the interview, such as your *fluorescent* jacket.
✔ **B) I**
Fluorescent means very bright. A fluorescent jacket is not a dark piece of clothing, so the word is used incorrectly.

30. You always *dash* so slowly. I wish you would walk faster.
✔ **B) I**
To **dash** means to run or go very quickly. You cannot dash slowly, so the word is used incorrectly.

31. I can't use this thread for sewing because it has too many *knots* in it.
✔ **A) C**
Knots are places where thread or string is tied or tangled. Thread with many knots is hard to sew with, so the word is used correctly.

32. Jan wanted to make a cake, so she went to the shop to buy some *cosmetics*.
✔ **B) I**
Cosmetics are make-up products for your face or body, not food. You don't need them to make a cake, so the word is used incorrectly.

33. The lesson was long and boring, and all the students felt *astounded*.
✔ **B) I**
Astounded means very surprised. A long, boring lesson would make students feel bored, not surprised, so the word is used incorrectly.

34. I think Tom should get the job because he has all the right *attributes*.
✔ **A) C**
Attributes are a person's good qualities or abilities. Having the right qualities for a job makes sense, so the word is used correctly.

35. You shouldn't use *colloquial* language when you make formal presentations.
✔ **A) C**
Colloquial language is informal, everyday language. It is not suitable for formal presentations, so the sentence uses the word correctly.

36. **The girls looked like clones, but they used different colloquial language.**
✔ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 1 says the twins were almost like clones and **used the same colloquial language as each other**. They did not use different language, so the statement is false.

37. **The twins' attributes were different in that Katie was bilingual and Alice liked humanities.**
✔ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 2 says Alice liked humanities and Katie was **a good linguist**. Katie only became **bilingual** later, after the summer camp in France (paragraph 3). So the statement is false.

38. Alice’s hair was in knots when she dashed to the airport to meet her sister.
✓ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 3 says Alice **dashed** to the airport, and when she met Katie, **her hair had knots in it**. So the statement is true.

39. Alice was astounded when she saw Katie wearing a fluorescent t-shirt.
✓ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 3 says Katie was wearing nice clothes and cosmetics. It was Alice who was wearing a **fluorescent t-shirt**, not Katie. So the statement is false.

40. When the gulf formed between the sisters, they stopped speaking to each other in detail.
✓ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 4 says Katie was **vague and didn't say much**, a **huge gulf** formed between them, and **the sisters spoke even less**. They no longer talked in detail, so the statement is true.

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