ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. **Choose the answer that best fits the question.**
What is something you want to eliminate?
✔ **A) A problem**
To **eliminate** something means to remove it or get rid of it completely. People want to get rid of **a problem**, not a present, a statue or a victory.

2. What would collect nectar?
✔ **B) A bee**
Nectar is the sweet liquid inside flowers. **Bees** collect it to make honey. Not **a housefly**, because flies do not collect nectar from flowers.

3. If you have good ethics, you _____.
✔ **B) know right from wrong**
Ethics are the moral rules that tell you what is right and wrong. A person with good ethics **knows right from wrong** and acts honestly.

4. Which is most closely related to something administrative?
✔ **C) Organization**
Administrative describes the work of managing and organizing a business or institution. So it is most closely related to **organization**.

5. What might cause erosion?
✔ **A) A strong wind**
Erosion is the slow wearing away of land or rock by wind, water or ice. **A strong wind** can carry soil and sand away and cause erosion.

6. I learned about all the different things the factory _____.
✔ **E) manufactures**
The gap needs a verb after **the factory**. To **manufacture** means to make products in large numbers, usually with machines: **The factory manufactures cars.**

7. They make big machinery as well as tiny parts and _____.
✔ **C) mechanisms**
The gap needs a plural noun that goes with **machinery** and **tiny parts**. **Mechanisms** are sets of moving parts that do a job inside a machine.

8. The students asked the school's _____ to buy a better kind of meat.
✔ **D) administration**
The school's administration means the people who manage and run the school. They are the ones who decide what food to buy.

9. The meat served there is too high in fat and _____.
✔ **A) cholesterol**
Cholesterol is a fatty substance in food and in the blood; too much of it is bad for the heart. It is often mentioned together with fat: **high in fat and cholesterol**.

10. I can't stand companies that are _____.
✔ **A) deceptive**
Can't stand means strongly dislike, so the gap needs a negative quality. **Deceptive** means trying to make people believe something that is not true. Not **straightforward**, because that is a good quality (honest and clear).

11. Customers have to make sure they get _____ information about all details.
✔ **E) explicit**
The gap needs an adjective before **information**. **Explicit** means clear and complete, with nothing hidden or left unsaid: **explicit instructions**.

12. Citizens formed a _____ because the city's air was making people ill.
✔ **B) coalition**
Form a coalition is a common collocation. A **coalition** is a group of people or organizations who join together to reach a shared goal.

13. Elderly people and infants were the most _____ to becoming sick.
✔ **B) prone**
Prone to something means likely to suffer from it or be affected by it: **prone to illness**. The clue is the pattern **the most _____ to becoming sick**.

14. To solve our problem, we'll first need a strong _____ for our plan.
✔ **C) framework**
The gap needs a noun after **a strong**. A **framework** is a basic plan or structure that you build on when you solve a problem or do a project: **a strong framework for our plan**. Not **administration**, because that means the people who manage an organization, and a plan does not have an administration.

15. Our ideas need to be intelligent and _____.
✔ **D) straightforward**
The gap needs a positive adjective to go with **intelligent**. **Straightforward** means simple, clear and easy to understand. Not **deceptive**, because that is a negative quality.

16. **Choose C if the italicized word is used correctly. Choose I if the word is used incorrectly.**
Smoking makes people more *prone* to breathing problems.
✔ **A) C**
Prone to means likely to suffer from something. Smoking really does make people more likely to have breathing problems, so the word is used correctly.

17. We toured the factory that *manufactures* cheese.
✔ **A) C**
To **manufacture** means to make products in a factory. A factory can manufacture cheese, so the word is used correctly.

18. The *deceptive* man was very open and honest about his plans.
✔ **B) I**
A **deceptive** person tries to trick others. Such a person is not **open and honest**, so the sentence contradicts itself and the word is used incorrectly.

19. Eating a lot of fast food raises people's *cholesterol* levels.
✔ **A) C**
Cholesterol is a fatty substance in the blood. Fatty fast food can raise **cholesterol levels**, so the word is used correctly.

20. The *straightforward* instructions were impossible to understand.
✔ **B) I**
Straightforward means easy to understand. Straightforward instructions cannot be **impossible to understand**, so the word is used incorrectly.

21. The group decided on a *framework* for the new project.
✔ **A) C**
A **framework** is a basic plan or structure for something. A group can decide on a framework for a new project, so the word is used correctly.

22. Businesses try to *minimize* the amount of money they can make.
✔ **B) I**
To **minimize** means to make something as small as possible. Businesses want to make as much money as possible, so they would **maximize** it, not minimize it. The word is used incorrectly.

23. He had a *notion* that the speaker was not really an expert on the subject.
✔ **A) C**
A **notion** is an idea or belief. **He had a notion that…** means he had an idea or feeling that something was true, so the word is used correctly.

24. The maid used a kind of *acid* to dissolve the stains on the floor.
✔ **A) C**
An **acid** is a strong chemical liquid that can dissolve or burn things. Some cleaning products contain acid to remove stains, so the word is used correctly.

25. It is important for a judge to have good *ethics*.
✔ **A) C**
Ethics are moral principles about right and wrong. A judge must be fair and honest, so it makes sense that a judge needs good ethics.

26. Some factories produce energy by burning *coalitions*.
✔ **B) I**
A **coalition** is a group of people working together, not a fuel. Factories burn **coal**, not coalitions, so the word is used incorrectly.

27. The lawyer hoped that the witness would tell an *explicit* version of the story.
✔ **A) C**
Explicit means clear, detailed and leaving nothing out. A lawyer would want a witness to give a clear and detailed version of the story, so the word is used correctly.

28. My father works in construction while my mom has an *administrative* job.
✔ **A) C**
An **administrative** job involves organizing and managing things in an office. This is a real type of job, so the word is used correctly.

29. Be sure to *eliminate* all the ingredients to make a great cake.
✔ **B) I**
To **eliminate** means to remove something completely. If you remove all the ingredients, you cannot make a cake, so the word is used incorrectly. The writer probably meant **include** or **combine**.

30. Jim receives shots to treat his *diabetes*. They reduce the sugar in his blood.
✔ **A) C**
Diabetes is an illness in which there is too much sugar in the blood. Shots that reduce blood sugar are a treatment for it, so the word is used correctly.

31. All of the prisoners formed an *administration* where they played games.
✔ **B) I**
An **administration** is the group of people who manage an organization. A group that people form to play games could be a **club**, so the word is used incorrectly.

32. Dry weather, followed by sudden floods, caused the *erosion* in the valley.
✔ **A) C**
Erosion is the wearing away of land by water or wind. Sudden floods after dry weather can wash soil away, so the word is used correctly.

33. The *biotechnology* company only made things from nonliving rocks and sand.
✔ **B) I**
Biotechnology uses living things, such as cells or bacteria, to make products. A company that works only with **nonliving** rocks and sand is not a biotechnology company, so the word is used incorrectly.

34. The cutting *mechanism* on the lawnmower is broken.
✔ **A) C**
A **mechanism** is a set of moving parts in a machine that does a particular job. A lawnmower has a cutting mechanism, so the word is used correctly.

35. This *nectar* produces the best flowers.
✔ **B) I**
Nectar is the sweet liquid that flowers produce. Nectar does not produce flowers; flowers produce nectar. The word is used incorrectly.

36. **Bioco was a biotechnology company that manufactured diabetes and high cholesterol.**
✓ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 1 says Bioco **manufactured drugs to treat diabetes and high cholesterol**. Diabetes and high cholesterol are illnesses, not products, so the statement is false.

37. **Jack used a mechanism to get nectar from flowers.**
✓ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 1 says **Jack's job was to use a tiny mechanism to get nectar from flowers**. So the statement is true.

38. **The new framework involved an explicit plan to fix the smog and acid problems.**
✓ **A) TRUE**
The last paragraph says that with the **new framework** they **cleaned up the acid** and **minimized the amount of air pollution**. This followed the clear (**explicit**) plan to fix the environmental problems, so the statement is true.

39. **The waste acid caused erosion and made fish prone to illness.**
✓ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 2 says Bioco poured the acid into a river, **which caused erosion and made fish prone to illness**. So the statement is true.

40. **After the company minimized Jack's ethics, the motto became apt.**
✓ **B) FALSE**
The last paragraph says the company **minimized the amount of air pollution**, and then the motto became apt. Jack's ethics were not minimized; they were what made him act. So the statement is false.

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