ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

4000 Essential English Words 5 Unit 24: The Resourceful Landlord

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Explanations

1. **Choose the answer that best fits the question.**
Which of the following means the closest to mend?
✔ **A) Repair**
To **mend** something means to **repair** it, or fix something that is broken or torn. Example: **He mended the broken chair.**

2. Which of the following would NOT be considered part of an office's personnel?
✔ **D) Referees**
Personnel are the people who work for a company or office, such as cleaners, technicians and executives. **Referees** control sports games, so they are not office staff.

3. Plumbing involves work on _____ in a house or building.
✔ **C) water pipes**
Plumbing is the system of **water pipes**, taps and drains in a building. A plumber fixes leaks and blocked pipes. Electrical wiring is an electrician's job, not plumbing.

4. If something is trendy, then it is _____.
✔ **B) in style**
Trendy means fashionable or **in style** at the moment. Example: **a trendy café**. **Outdated** means the opposite.

5. Which is NOT considered a utility?
✔ **A) Room service**
Utilities are basic public services that a building needs, such as electricity, water and gas. **Room service** is a hotel service that brings food to your room, so it is not a utility.

6. **Choose C if the italicized word is used correctly.**
Choose I if the word is used incorrectly.
The sharp rocks *mended* his jeans into pieces.
✔ **B) I**
Mend means to repair something, so rocks cannot mend jeans **into pieces**. The sentence needs a word like **tore**: **The sharp rocks tore his jeans.**

7. The school sent a second bus *whereby* the students could get to school.
✔ **A) C**
Whereby means 'by which' or 'through which'. The second bus was the means by which the students could get to school, so the word is used correctly.

8. He had poor *hygiene*. He never washed his hands or brushed his teeth.
✔ **A) C**
Hygiene means keeping yourself and things clean to stay healthy. Never washing your hands or brushing your teeth is **poor hygiene**, so the word is used correctly.

9. The dam on the lake became *bankrupt*, and soon water broke through the cracks.
✔ **B) I**
Bankrupt means having no money to pay your debts, so it describes people or companies, not a dam. A word like **weak** or **damaged** fits the sentence.

10. The restaurant was a *trendy* place where all the rich and famous people went.
✔ **A) C**
Trendy means fashionable and popular right now. A place where rich and famous people go is trendy, so the word is used correctly.

11. The first three cars to finish were given an award, but the *forthcoming* car got nothing.
✔ **B) I**
Forthcoming means happening soon, e.g. **the forthcoming inspection**. After the first three cars, the sentence needs **fourth**, a number that sounds similar.

12. She made a mistake and accidentally walked into the *mandatory* bathroom.
✔ **B) I**
Mandatory means required by a rule, e.g. **mandatory repairs**. A bathroom cannot be required, so the word makes no sense here. The writer probably meant **men's** bathroom.

13. After he *furnished* dinner, the host gave him some dessert.
✔ **B) I**
To **furnish** a room is to put furniture in it. The sentence needs **finished**: **After he finished dinner, the host gave him some dessert.**

14. Rather than *conforming* to one fashion style, Mary chose what she liked from all of them.
✔ **A) C**
To **conform** means to follow the rules or accepted ways of a group. Mary did not follow just one style but mixed several, so **conforming** is used correctly.

15. I knew something was wrong with the *plumbing* once the hot water stopped working.
✔ **A) C**
Plumbing is the system of water pipes in a building. When the hot water stops, the plumbing has a problem, so the word is used correctly.

16. She graduated from university where she studied *utility*.
✔ **B) I**
A **utility** is a public service such as water, gas or electricity. It is not a university subject, so the word is used incorrectly.

17. Because of an error, the game was given an *extension* of five more minutes.
✔ **A) C**
An **extension** is extra time added to a deadline or period. Five more minutes added to a game is an extension, so the word is used correctly.

18. He's very *hygienic* because he bathes once a week and seldom changes his clothes.
✔ **B) I**
Hygienic means clean. A person who seldom bathes or changes clothes is **unhygienic**, so the word does not fit the reason given.

19. The *landlord* owned several buildings throughout the capital city.
✔ **A) C**
A **landlord** is a person who owns buildings or rooms and rents them to other people. Owning several buildings fits this meaning, so the word is used correctly.

20. The factory needed more workers. It had to *employ* twenty more people.
✔ **A) C**
To **employ** means to give someone a job and pay them. A factory that needs workers employs more people, so the word is used correctly.

21. Tom didn't want to talk about his father's new job. He thought it was too *personnel*.
✔ **B) I**
Personnel (noun) means the staff of a company. The sentence needs the adjective **personal** (private): **He thought it was too personal.**

22. There was too much sugar in the recipe, so she *leased* the amount with a spoon.
✔ **B) I**
To **lease** means to rent a building or land to or from someone. Reducing sugar needs a word like **lessened** or **reduced**, so **leased** is wrong.

23. Because the rent was so expensive, all of the *tenants* are probably wealthy people.
✔ **A) C**
Tenants are people who pay rent to live in a place. People who pay high rent are probably rich, so the word is used correctly.

24. They were *expelled* from the restaurant because they couldn't pay their bill.
✔ **A) C**
To **expel** means to force someone to leave a place. Being made to leave a restaurant for not paying fits this meaning, so the word is used correctly.

25. In order to buy a house, most people have to get a *mortgage*.
✔ **A) C**
A **mortgage** is a loan from a bank to buy a house, paid back over many years. Most people need one to buy a home, so the word is used correctly.

26. **If the tenants didn't pay the mortgage, the landlord could not pay his lease and would be bankrupt.**
✔ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 1 says that without tenants to **lease** the rooms, the landlord would be unable to pay his **mortgage**. The statement swaps the two words: the tenants pay rent, and the landlord pays the mortgage, so it is false.

27. **The landlord did not have money whereby he could employ personnel.**
✔ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 2 says: **he didn't have the money whereby he could employ the personnel needed to make the repairs**. The statement matches this, so it is true.

28. **The city would expel everyone if the building did not pass the inspection for safety and hygiene.**
✔ **A) TRUE**
In paragraph 3 the landlord says that if the building does not meet the standards for **safety and hygiene**, **the city will expel everyone**. The statement is true.

29. **The hairdresser mended the holes in the floors and walls.**
✔ **B) FALSE**
The passage says **another tenant was a carpenter; he mended the holes in the floor and walls**. The hairdresser only offered help, so the statement is false.

30. **After everyone helped to fix it, the building looked like one of the trendiest buildings in town.**
✔ **A) TRUE**
The last part of the story says the old building **now looked like one of the trendiest buildings in town** after the tenants' work. The statement is true.