ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

4000 Essential English Words 5 Unit 26: Cosmo’s Flight

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Explanations

1. **Choose the answer that best fits the question.**
What recurs when watching a funny movie?
✔ **B) Laughter**
To **recur** means to happen again and again. During a funny movie, **laughter** keeps coming back each time there is a joke.

2. What orbits the Earth?
✔ **A) The moon**
To **orbit** means to travel in a circle around a planet or star. **The moon** moves around the Earth in a regular path.

3. Why do birds flap their wings?
✔ **B) To fly**
To **flap** means to move wings quickly up and down. Birds flap their wings **to fly**.

4. What is supernatural?
✔ **C) A ghost**
Supernatural describes something that cannot be explained by nature or science. **A ghost** is supernatural. An eclipse is a natural event that science can explain.

5. If you give an overview of a movie, you _____.
✔ **A) describe the important parts**
An **overview** is a short general description of the main points of something. Giving an overview of a movie means you **describe the important parts**, not every detail.

6. I’m going on a trip halfway across the _____.
✔ **B) globe**
The **globe** is the whole world, the Earth. **Halfway across the globe** means very far away, on the other side of the world.

7. While I’m gone, Sarah will turn in my homework on my _____.
✔ **D) behalf**
On someone's behalf means doing something for that person, in their place. Sarah will hand in the homework for me because I am away.

8. On our vacation to Africa, we got to witness an old Egyptian _____.
✔ **A) rite**
A **rite** is a traditional ceremony, often religious or cultural. The clue is **witness an old Egyptian**: you watch a ceremony.

9. We weren’t told all the details of it, but we were given a brief _____.
✔ **D) overview**
An **overview** is a short summary of the main points. The clue is **weren't told all the details** and **brief**: we got only the general idea.

10. He _____ slices of bread for the children’s sandwiches.
✔ **C) provided**
To **provide** means to give someone something they need. The gap needs a past-tense verb, so **provided** fits: he gave the children slices of bread.

11. He can make several by baking a single _____ of bread.
✔ **A) loaf**
A **loaf** is bread baked in one large piece, which you then cut into slices. We say **a loaf of bread**.

12. Sometimes, I choose to keep my thoughts and feelings _____.
✔ **C) inward**
Inward means inside yourself, not shown to other people. Keeping thoughts and feelings **inward** means keeping them private.

13. Though I’m quiet about them, they are still _____.
✔ **E) relevant**
Relevant means important or connected to the situation. Even though I don't talk about my feelings, they still matter.

14. In the past, people asked _____ how the gods moved the planets.
✔ **B) oracles**
An **oracle** is a person or place through which people believed the gods gave answers. In the past, people **asked oracles** questions about the gods.

15. Today, science explains how the planets _____ the sun.
✔ **E) orbit**
To **orbit** means to move in a circle around something. The planets **orbit the sun**. The verb follows **how the planets**.

16. **Choose the one that is similar in meaning to the given word.**
relevant
✔ **A) important**
Relevant means connected to the matter and therefore **important** for it, e.g. **relevant skills**.

17. horizontal
✔ **B) flat**
Horizontal means lying level, parallel to the ground, so it is close in meaning to **flat**. The opposite is **vertical**.

18. a rite
✓ **D) a ceremony**
A **rite** is a traditional formal act or **ceremony**, e.g. a wedding or a coming-of-age rite. Not **a belief**: a rite is something people do, not something they think.

19. stall
✓ **A) to stop**
To **stall** means **to stop** working or moving, often suddenly, e.g. **The car stalled at the traffic lights.** Not **to fade**, which means to become weaker slowly.

20. inventory
✓ **C) a supply**
An **inventory** is a **supply** or stock of things you have, or a list of them. In the story, Cosmo has skills in his personal inventory.

21. Cosmo was scared that his recurring dreams of the previous nights were a preview of what would happen.
✓ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 1 says the dream **had recurred for the previous five nights** and that Cosmo was scared his dreams were **a preview** of his flight. So the statement is true.

22. Supernatural boys of Cosmo's age participated in an important rite.
✓ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 2 says Cosmo was **a supernatural being** and that **boys of his age were required to participate in an important rite**. So the statement is true.

23. In Dano's summary, he told Cosmo to keep his body horizontal against the winds of the Indian Ocean.
✓ **B) FALSE**
Dano says to keep his body horizontal against the winds of the **Pacific Ocean**, not the Indian Ocean. So the statement is false.

24. Dano flapped the wings he was provided with and orbited the globe.
✓ **B) FALSE**
The story says **Cosmo** was provided with wings and **flapped** them. Dano is the god who gave advice and did not fly. So the statement is false.

25. Cosmo sang the words of a song out loud while he flew and enjoyed the view.
✓ **B) FALSE**
The passage says **He began to hum a song**. To **hum** means to make the sound of a tune with your mouth closed, without singing the words. So Cosmo did not sing the words out loud, and the statement is false.

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