ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. **Choose the answer that best fits the question.**
What is geology the study of?
✓ **B) Earth's structures**
Geology is the study of the Earth's structure: its rocks, soil, and the processes that shape them. Not **atmosphere**, which is studied in meteorology.

2. In physiology, you would probably study something like _____.
✓ **D) parts of living things**
Physiology is the study of how living things and their body parts work, e.g. the heart, lungs, or muscles. Waves and soil belong to other sciences.

3. Which of the following would NOT be considered celestial?
✓ **C) Navigation**
Celestial means related to the sky or outer space. Stars, comets, and meteors are objects in space, but **navigation** is the skill of finding your way, so it is not celestial.

4. What else does sociology deal with besides people and their culture?
✓ **A) People's problems**
Sociology is the study of people in society: their culture, how they live together, and the **problems** they face. The other options belong to biology or oceanography.

5. If you excel at something, then that means you are _____.
✓ **D) good at something**
To **excel** at something means to be very **good at** it, e.g. **She excels at math.** Not **literate**, which only means able to read and write.

6. **Choose the one that is similar in meaning to the given word.**
intellect
✓ **B) ability**
Intellect is the **ability** to think, reason, and understand ideas, e.g. **a person of great intellect**.

7. calculus
✓ **D) math**
Calculus is an advanced kind of **math** that deals with rates of change, e.g. **He took calculus in college.**

8. assert
✓ **A) state**
To **assert** means to **state** something strongly and confidently, e.g. **He asserted that he was innocent.**

9. cognitive
✓ **D) learning**
Cognitive describes mental processes such as thinking, understanding, and **learning**, e.g. **cognitive skills**.

10. diploma
✓ **C) certificate**
A **diploma** is an official document, a **certificate**, that shows you have finished a course of study, e.g. **She received her high school diploma.**

11. mythology
✓ **A) folklore**
Mythology is a collection of old traditional stories about gods and heroes, similar to **folklore**, e.g. **Greek mythology**.

12. analytic
✓ **C) logical**
Analytic means using careful, **logical** thinking to examine something in detail, e.g. **an analytic mind**.

13. harness
✓ **A) use**
To **harness** something means to control and **use** it, especially a natural force, e.g. **harness the power of the wind**.

14. competent
✓ **B) capable**
Competent means **capable**, having enough skill to do something well, e.g. **a competent driver**.

15. collision
✓ **D) crash**
A **collision** is a **crash**, when two things hit each other, e.g. **a collision between two cars**.

16. **Choose C if the italicized word is used correctly. Choose I if the word is used incorrectly.**
In *physiology*, we studied various types of rock and the process that made them.
✓ **B) I**
The word is used incorrectly. Rocks are studied in **geology**. **Physiology** is the study of how living bodies work.

17. She feared that if no one married her, she'd be a *bachelor* her entire life.
✓ **B) I**
The word is used incorrectly. A **bachelor** is an unmarried **man**, so it does not fit a woman here.

18. Many old factories *harnessed* rivers and streams to power their equipment.
✔ **A) C**
The word is used correctly. Factories **harnessed** rivers, which means they controlled and used the water's power to run machines.

19. Her knowledge of different societies came from her work in *sociology*.
✔ **A) C**
The word is used correctly. **Sociology** is the study of societies and how people live together, so it fits knowledge of different societies.

20. If the two bikes hadn't turned at the last moment, there would have been a *collision*.
✔ **A) C**
The word is used correctly. A **collision** is a crash, and the two bikes almost hit each other.

21. In *geology*, we learned about the importance of our bones.
✔ **B) I**
The word is used incorrectly. Bones are studied in biology or **physiology**. **Geology** is the study of rocks and the Earth.

22. The only proof that the new rocket would work was *theoretical*.
✔ **A) C**
The word is used correctly. **Theoretical** means based on ideas, not on real tests, so the rocket had only been proven on paper.

23. The car *excelled* every time he stepped on the gas pedal.
✔ **B) I**
The word is used incorrectly. **Excel** means to be very good at something. A car going faster **accelerates**. Don't confuse **excel** with **accelerate**.

24. Learning about *calculus* in my literature class was a really enjoyable time.
✔ **B) I**
The word is used incorrectly. **Calculus** is a branch of math, so you would not normally study it in a literature class.

25. The test proved that Mark was *keener* than his older brother Dave.
✔ **A) C**
The word is used correctly. **Keen** can mean quick to notice and understand things, so **keener** means smarter or sharper than his brother.

26. **The bachelor excelled at calculus, physiology, and theoretical science, such as relativity.**
✔ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 2 says: **I excel at everything I study… I've mastered calculus and physiology. I even understand the great theoretical teachings of science, such as relativity.** So the statement is true.

27. **He knew the movements of radioactive materials and how to harness the power of celestial objects.**
✔ **B) FALSE**
The statement mixes up the words. Paragraph 2 says he knew the movements of **celestial** objects and how to harness the power of **radioactive** substances, not the other way around.

28. **The bachelor thought the drivers in the collision were not competent.**
✔ **A) TRUE**
After the crash he thought: **They really must not be very competent.** So the statement is true.

29. **Studying mythology, sociology, and geology gave the bachelor a wonderful feeling.**
✔ **B) FALSE**
The last part of the story says studying mythology, sociology, and geology **didn't give him this wonderful feeling**. Helping the drivers did, so the statement is false.

30. **The bachelor's intellect and not his cognitive talents had made him feel this great.**
✔ **B) FALSE**
The story says **It was the act of helping others, not his cognitive skills, that gave him this great feeling.** His intellect did not make him feel great, so the statement is false.

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