ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. **Choose the answer that best fits the question.**
What would be hard to tolerate?
✔ **D) A broken leg**
To **tolerate** something means to accept or bear something unpleasant. A **broken leg** is painful, so it is hard to tolerate. The other options are pleasant things.

2. What is something that could be implemented?
✔ **A) A plan**
To **implement** means to put a plan or decision into action. You can implement **a plan**, but not a cloud, a school or a storm.

3. What has a ridge?
✔ **B) A mountain**
A **ridge** is a long, narrow, raised strip of land, especially along the top of a mountain. So **a mountain** has a ridge.

4. What would be peculiar to find in the ocean?
✔ **C) A camel**
Peculiar means strange or unusual. Ships, sharks and coral are normal in the ocean, but **a camel** lives in the desert, so finding one in the ocean would be peculiar.

5. What would impair vision?
✔ **D) A bright light**
To **impair** means to damage or weaken something, such as an ability. **A bright light** can make it hard to see, so it impairs vision. Not **an eye test**, which checks vision but does not harm it.

6. **Choose the one that is similar in meaning to the given word.**
fracture
✔ **B) a break**
A **fracture** is **a break** or crack, especially in a bone: **She has a fracture in her arm.**

7. limb
✔ **C) a branch**
A **limb** is a large **branch** of a tree. It can also mean an arm or a leg.

8. thrust
✔ **A) to push**
To **thrust** means **to push** something suddenly and strongly: **He thrust the door open.**

9. indigenous
✔ **C) native**
Indigenous means **native**: belonging naturally to a place, not brought from somewhere else. **Kangaroos are indigenous to Australia.**

10. devise
✔ **C) to plan**
To **devise** means **to plan** or invent a way of doing something: **They devised a new system.**

11. optimism
✔ **A) a good feeling**
Optimism is a hopeful, positive feeling that good things will happen. So it is **a good feeling** about the future.

12. insight
✔ **D) an understanding**
Insight is a clear, deep **understanding** of a person, situation or problem: **Her insight into the problem helped us.**

13. altitude
✔ **B) height**
Altitude is **height**, especially the height above sea level: **The plane flew at a high altitude.**

14. migraine
✔ **A) a headache**
A **migraine** is a very bad **headache**, often with feeling sick or problems with light.

15. quest
✔ **B) a search**
A **quest** is a long **search** for something important or difficult to find: **a quest for treasure**.

16. **Choose C if the italicized word is used correctly. Choose I if the word is used incorrectly.**
The little girl loves her cat. She *tolerates* it when they are together.
✔ **B) I**
To **tolerate** something means to accept something you don't like. The girl **loves** her cat, so she enjoys being with it; she doesn't just tolerate it. The word is used incorrectly.

17. Going away to college is scary, but I have *optimism* that I'll have a good time.
✔ **A) C**
Optimism is a hopeful feeling that things will go well. The speaker is scared but hopes to have a good time, so the word is used correctly.

18. This *migraine* is killing me. My head hurts so badly that I can't think straight.
✔ **A) C**
A **migraine** is a very bad headache. The second sentence says **my head hurts so badly**, so the word is used correctly.

19. My bike's tire is flat again. I guess I'll have to *impair* it.
✔ **B) I**
To **impair** means to damage or weaken. You want to fix a flat tire, so the right word is **repair**, not **impair**. The word is used incorrectly.

20. Her child is *peculiar*. He likes to wear his shoes on the wrong feet.
✔ **A) C**
Peculiar means strange or unusual. Wearing shoes on the wrong feet is strange behaviour, so the word is used correctly.

21. The tree is getting too big for our yard! Ask Jim to cut off some of the *limbs*.
✔ **A) C**
Limbs are the large branches of a tree. Cutting off some limbs makes a big tree smaller, so the word is used correctly.

22. I fell off my bike, but I didn't break any bones. I just got a slight *fracture* on my toe.
✔ **B) I**
A **fracture** is a break in a bone. The speaker says **I didn't break any bones**, so having a fracture doesn't make sense. The word is used incorrectly.

23. This bush in my yard comes from another country. It's *indigenous* to my yard.
✔ **B) I**
Indigenous means native to a place. The bush **comes from another country**, so it is not indigenous. The word is used incorrectly.

24. From the mountain *ridge*, you can see the entire city below.
✔ **A) C**
A **ridge** is the long, high top part of a mountain. From a high place you can see the city below, so the word is used correctly.

25. Mike is a very *proficient* reader. He finished the entire novel in just an hour.
✔ **A) C**
Proficient means very skilled at something. Finishing a whole novel in an hour shows that Mike is a skilled reader, so the word is used correctly.

26. We were in awe of the professor's *expertise* on the subject.
✔ **A) C**
Expertise is special skill or knowledge in a subject. People can be in awe (full of respect) of a professor's knowledge, so the word is used correctly.

27. You should *thrust* the baby when putting him in bed, so he doesn't wake up.
✔ **B) I**
To **thrust** means to push suddenly and strongly. You must put a baby into bed gently so he doesn't wake up, so the word is used incorrectly.

28. I will get married to my *spouse* one year from today.
✔ **B) I**
A **spouse** is a husband or wife. The person is not married yet, so the partner is not yet a spouse; the correct word would be **fiancé** or **fiancée**. The word is used incorrectly.

29. Australia has a very long *coastline*.
✔ **A) C**
A **coastline** is the edge of the land where it meets the sea. Australia is surrounded by sea, so it has a very long coastline. The word is used correctly.

30. She is on a *quest* to find her long-lost brother.
✔ **A) C**
A **quest** is a long search for something important. Looking for a brother she hasn't seen for a long time is such a search, so the word is used correctly.

31. If you don't like your job, you should *devise* it.
✔ **B) I**
To **devise** means to plan or invent something. You can't "devise" a job you don't like; you would **quit** it. The word is used incorrectly.

32. She will have to get more *altitude* if she wants to swim faster.
✔ **B) I**
Altitude means height above sea level. Height has nothing to do with swimming faster; she would need more **speed** or **strength**. The word is used incorrectly.

33. The workers *implemented* a new strategy to be more efficient.
✔ **A) C**
To **implement** means to put a plan or strategy into action. Workers can implement a new strategy, so the word is used correctly.

34. Nothing will *deter* me in my hunt for the perfect flower.
✔ **A) C**
To **deter** means to stop someone from doing something or make them not want to do it. **Nothing will deter me** means nothing will stop me, so the word is used correctly.

35. Her *insight* into our problem really helped us out.
✔ **A) C**
Insight is a clear understanding of a problem or situation. Her understanding helped solve the problem, so the word is used correctly.

36. **Bob had a migraine and a shoulder fracture when he awoke on the peculiar beach.**
✔ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 1 says that when Bob woke up on the **peculiar** beach, he had a terrible **migraine** and a **fracture** in his shoulder. So the statement is true.

37. **Bob implemented a plan to bring his spouse and children to the island.**
✔ **B) FALSE**
Bob's plan was to **escape** and get home to his family (paragraphs 1 and 4), not to bring his spouse and children to the island. So the statement is false.

38. **The indigenous tree limbs impaired Bob’s ability to carry the materials.**
✓ B) FALSE
Paragraph 2 says it was Bob's **shoulder injury** that **impaired his ability to carry the materials**, not the tree limbs. So the statement is false.

39. **Bob was proficient in building, and he used his expertise to build the raft.**
✓ A) TRUE
Paragraph 3 says **Bob was a proficient builder. He used his building expertise to line up the limbs and tie them together**, which is how he built the raft. So the statement is true.

40. **Bob thrust the raft into the water to begin his quest.**
✓ A) TRUE
Paragraph 4 says **he thrust the raft into the water. He climbed on and began the quest to find his way home.** So the statement is true.

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