ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. **Choose the one that is similar in meaning to the given word.**
reckless
✓ **B) careless**
Reckless means acting without thinking about danger or results, so it is close to **careless**: **a reckless driver**. The other words (impressive, fake, colorful) have nothing to do with a lack of care.

2. flaw
✓ **C) mistake**
A **flaw** is a fault or weakness in something, so it is close to **mistake**: **There is a flaw in your plan.** Not **injury**, which is damage to a body, not a fault in work or an idea.

3. farewell
✓ **A) goodbye**
Farewell is a formal word for **goodbye**: **We said our farewells at the station.**

4. filth
✓ **B) dirt**
Filth is a lot of very unpleasant **dirt**: **The floor was covered in filth.**

5. bliss
✓ **D) happiness**
Bliss is perfect, complete **happiness**: **The holiday was pure bliss.** Not **comfort**, which means feeling relaxed, not great joy.

6. **Choose C if the italicized word is used correctly. Choose I if the word is used incorrectly.**
The scientist's theory was full of *flaws*. There was no way it could work.
✓ **A) C**
Flaws are faults or weaknesses. A theory full of flaws cannot work, so the word is used correctly.

7. The *butler* catered to the old man's every need.
✓ **A) C**
A **butler** is the main male servant in a large house who looks after the owner. Taking care of the old man's every need is exactly a butler's job, so the word is used correctly.

8. I said my *farewells* to everyone as soon as I arrived at the party.
✓ **B) I**
You say your **farewells** (goodbyes) when you leave, not when you arrive. So the word is used incorrectly here; a correct sentence would be **I said my farewells and went home.**

9. The teacher was proud of the *filth* her students achieved in class.
✓ **B) I**
Filth means very unpleasant dirt. A teacher cannot be proud of the dirt students **achieved**, so the word is used incorrectly. A word like **success** would fit.

10. After the initial pain of dropping the hammer on my toe, it went *numb*.
✓ **A) C**
If a part of your body goes **numb**, you can no longer feel anything in it. After a painful hit, a toe can go numb, so the word is used correctly.

11. He was not looking forward to cleaning the huge *mound* of dirty dishes in the sink.
✓ **A) C**
A **mound** is a large pile of things: **a mound of dirty dishes**. The word is used correctly.

12. The scared child felt *bliss* and cried for his mother.
✓ **B) I**
Bliss means perfect happiness. A scared child crying for his mother is not happy, so the word is used incorrectly. A word like **fear** would fit.

13. Huge stained-glass windows *adorn* the new church.
✓ **A) C**
To **adorn** something means to decorate it and make it more beautiful. Stained-glass windows decorate a church, so the word is used correctly.

14. Fossil evidence is a *testament* to the immense size of dinosaurs.
✓ **A) C**
A **testament to** something is clear proof of it. Fossils prove how big dinosaurs were, so the word is used correctly.

15. The *reckless* climber took every precaution to ensure a safe climb.
✓ **B) I**
A **reckless** person does not think about danger. Someone who takes **every precaution** is careful, the opposite of reckless, so the word is used incorrectly.

16. The girl's jump rope has a *cramp* in it.
✓ **B) I**
A **cramp** is a sudden pain in a muscle, so only people and animals get cramps. A rope cannot have one (it could have a **knot**), so the word is used incorrectly.

17. The weather report says *slate* will fall for the next three days.
✔ **B) I**
Slate is a dark grey stone used for roofs. It does not fall from the sky like rain or snow, so the word is used incorrectly.

18. My entire family helps with *housekeeping*. I sweep the floor, and my brother dusts.
✔ **A) C**
Housekeeping is the work of keeping a house clean and tidy. Sweeping and dusting are housekeeping, so the word is used correctly.

19. The mother *grinned* when her child scored the winning run in the baseball game.
✔ **A) C**
To **grin** is to smile widely. A mother would smile happily when her child wins the game, so the word is used correctly.

20. The *timber* was a nice addition to our breakfast meal.
✔ **B) I**
Timber is wood used for building. You cannot eat it at breakfast, so the word is used incorrectly.

21. He took off his shoes and leaned back into the comfortable *stool*.
✔ **B) I**
A **stool** is a seat with no back or arms, so you cannot lean back into it. The word is used incorrectly; **armchair** would fit.

22. Adjust the *valve* to insure proper airflow.
✔ **A) C**
A **valve** is a part that controls how much air, gas or liquid flows through a pipe. Adjusting it changes the airflow, so the word is used correctly. (In American English **insure** is sometimes used for **ensure** = make sure.)

23. The *dilapidated* fire truck was a beautiful sight.
✔ **B) I**
Dilapidated means old, broken and in very bad condition. Something in such a bad state is not **a beautiful sight**, so the word is used incorrectly.

24. The movie was great because it *evoked* strong feelings in viewers.
✔ **A) C**
To **evoke** feelings means to bring them into someone's mind. A great movie can evoke strong feelings, so the word is used correctly.

25. You can get hot or cold water from this *faucet*.
✔ **A) C**
A **faucet** (American English; British **tap**) is the device that lets water come out. It can give hot or cold water, so the word is used correctly.

26. The dilapidated mansion was covered in filth.
✔ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 1 says the dilapidated mansion was in terrible condition and **covered with filth**, so the statement is true.

27. Gordon's muscles were a testament to his flaws.
✔ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 2 says his muscles were a testament to his **strong work ethic**, not to any flaws. Paragraph 3 even says there were **no flaws** in his work. So the statement is false.

28. Gordon was never reckless even when tasks were boring.
✔ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 3 says: **Even when tasks were boring, he was never reckless.** So the statement is true.

29. The mound of dirt evoked unhappy feelings in Gordon.
✔ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 3 says it was **the lack of appreciation** from Greta that evoked unhappy feelings in Gordon, not the mounds of dirt. So the statement is false.

30. Gordon tightened the valve under the kitchen faucet and bought timber to build stools.
✔ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 2 says he **tightened the valve underneath the kitchen faucet** and **bought timber to build new stools**. So the statement is true.

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