ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

4000 Essential English Words 6 Unit 13: The End of Smallpox

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Explanations

1. Choose the one that is similar in meaning to the given word.
federation
✓ **B) union**
A **federation** is a group of states or organisations that join together, so it means a **union**. Example: **a federation of countries**.

2. render
✓ **D) make**
To **render** someone or something in a certain state means to **make** them that way. Example: **The disease rendered him blind.**

3. smallpox
✓ **A) disease**
Smallpox is a serious, infectious **disease** that causes fever and spots on the skin and often leaves scars.

4. curb
✓ **C) prevent**
To **curb** something means to control or limit it, which is close to **prevent**. Example: **measures to curb the spread of disease**.

5. diagnose
✓ **D) identify**
To **diagnose** means to **identify** what illness or problem someone has by examining them. Example: **The doctor diagnosed flu.**

6. certify
✓ **C) confirm**
To **certify** means to officially **confirm** that something is true, usually in writing. Example: **Scientists certified that the disease was gone.**

7. rash
✓ **B) bumps**
A **rash** is an area of small red spots or **bumps** on the skin, often caused by an illness or allergy.

8. needy
✓ **A) poor**
Needy people do not have enough money, food or other things they need, so they are **poor**.

9. onset
✓ **D) start**
The **onset** of something, especially something unpleasant like an illness, is its **start**. Example: **the onset of winter**.

10. collaborate
✓ **A) cooperate**
To **collaborate** means to work together with others to achieve something, so it means **cooperate**.

11. Choose the one that is opposite in meaning to the given word.
enact
✓ **C) cancel**
To **enact** a law means to make it official and put it into action. The opposite is to **cancel** it.

12. intolerable
✓ **C) bearable**
Intolerable means so bad or painful that you cannot accept or bear it. The opposite is **bearable**, which means you can accept or deal with it.

13. pledge
✓ **A) lie**
A **pledge** is a serious, honest promise. The opposite idea is a **lie**, something said that is not true.

14. counteract
✓ **C) support**
To **counteract** something means to act against it to reduce its effect. The opposite is to **support** it.

15. vow
✓ **D) deceive**
To **vow** means to make a sincere promise. The opposite is to **deceive**, which means to make someone believe something false.

16. prohibit
✓ **C) allow**
To **prohibit** means to forbid something, usually by law. The opposite is to **allow** it.

17. transmit
✓ **B) hold**
To **transmit** means to pass something, such as a disease or signal, from one person or place to another. The opposite is to **hold** (keep) it.

18. gross
✓ **D) pretty**
Gross (informal) means very unpleasant or disgusting to look at. The opposite is **pretty**. Example: **gross scars**.

19. compile
✓ **B) scatter**
To **compile** means to collect information or things together in one place. The opposite is to **scatter**, which means to spread them in different directions.

20. humane
✓ **D) cruel**
Humane means kind and showing care for people or animals, so the opposite is **cruel**. Not **kind**, because that has the same meaning, not the opposite.

21. **In the 1800s, more than 20 million people were diagnosed with smallpox each year.**
✓ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 1 says that during the 1800s, **more than 20 million people got the disease every year**, so the statement is true.

22. **Smallpox rendered people bald and caused an intolerable rash that left gross scars.**
✓ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 1 says survivors were often **rendered blind**, not bald. The rash and scars are mentioned, but the statement is false because of the word **bald**.

23. **Laws were enacted to prohibit sick people from mixing with healthy people.**
✓ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 4 says they **enacted laws that prohibited people with smallpox from mixing with those who did not have it**. Sick people could not mix with healthy people, so the statement is true.

24. **The wealthier countries pledged to give North America a vaccine to counteract smallpox.**
✓ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 4 says the wealthier countries pledged to supply the vaccine to **any country that could not afford it**. Paragraph 2 says North America already had the vaccine, so the statement is false.

25. **The humane efforts of people everywhere helped to successfully stop smallpox.**
✓ **A) TRUE**
The last paragraph says that **the humane efforts of people from all over the world had accomplished a great task**: smallpox was successfully stopped. The statement is true.

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