ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

4000 Essential English Words 6 Unit 19: Seizures Then and Now

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Explanations

1. **Choose the one that is similar in meaning to the given word.**
lunar
✓ **B) moon**
Lunar means connected with the **moon**, e.g. **a lunar eclipse**. Not **sun**: the adjective for the sun is **solar**.

2. reflex
✓ **A) response**
A **reflex** is an automatic **response** of the body that happens without thinking, e.g. **the knee-jerk reflex**.

3. pertain
✓ **D) relate**
To **pertain** to something means to **relate** to it or be connected with it, e.g. **rules that pertain to safety**.

4. utensil
✓ **C) spoon**
A **utensil** is a tool used in the kitchen or for eating. A **spoon** is a typical example.

5. outmoded
✓ **A) old-fashioned**
Outmoded means no longer in fashion or use, so it means **old-fashioned**. **New** and **innovative** are its opposites.

6. The doctors thought that too much sugar caused the _____.
✓ **C) seizure**
A **seizure** is a sudden attack of illness, often with uncontrolled shaking. The article **the** and the verb **caused** need a noun for a medical event, so **seizure** fits.

7. However, their findings weren't _____.
✓ **C) definitive**
Definitive means final and certain. After **weren't** we need an adjective, and findings are naturally described as **definitive** or not. Not **personalized**, which describes things made for one person.

8. A star burning at night as brightly as the moon was quite a (an) _____.
✓ **A) novelty**
A **novelty** is something new and unusual. A star as bright as the moon would be a surprising, unusual thing, so it was **quite a novelty**.

9. In fact, the _____ glow was actually not as bright.
✓ **E) lunar**
Lunar means of the moon. The previous sentence mentions the moon, so **the lunar glow** is the moon's light.

10. Those seven stars form the _____ known as the Big Dipper.
✓ **B) constellation**
A **constellation** is a group of stars that forms a pattern in the sky. The clue is **seven stars form**, and **the Big Dipper** is a famous constellation.

11. A dipper is a (an) _____ shaped like a spoon used for getting water.
✓ **E) utensil**
A **utensil** is a tool used in the kitchen. The clues **shaped like a spoon** and **used for getting water** describe a tool.

12. There are many methods used in _____ to help cure mental illnesses.
✓ **D) psychiatry**
Psychiatry is the branch of medicine that treats **mental illnesses**. After **in** we need a noun, so the adjective **psychiatric** would not fit here anyway.

13. They are all _____ to the specific needs of the patient.
✓ **D) personalized**
Personalized means made or changed to suit one particular person. The clue is **the specific needs of the patient**.

14. The body's _____ are too quick to be controlled by the brain.
✓ **B) reflexes**
Reflexes are automatic body movements that happen too fast for conscious control. The plural verb **are** also needs a plural noun.

15. These actions _____ to the nerves and spine rather than the brain.
✓ **A) pertain**
The gap needs a verb that goes with **to**: **pertain to** means **relate to** or **be connected with**. The actions are connected with the nerves and spine.

16. inhale
✓ **A) breathe**
To **inhale** means to **breathe** air in. Its opposite is **exhale**.

17. psychiatric
✓ **C) mental**
Psychiatric means connected with **mental** illness and its treatment, e.g. **a psychiatric hospital**.

18. advent
✓ **A) start**
The **advent** of something is its arrival or **start**, e.g. **the advent of the internet**. Not **moment**, which is just a point in time, not a beginning.

19. equate
✓ **D) relate**
To **equate** one thing with another means to think they are the same or closely connected, so it is close to **relate**. For example: **People equated seizures with evil spirits.**

20. session
✓ **D) meeting**
A **session** is a period of time spent on one activity, such as a **meeting** or a treatment, e.g. **a therapy session**.

21. invoke
✓ **C) request**
To **invoke** means to call on a god or a power for help, so it means to **request**. For example: **They invoked God's help.**

22. Almighty
✓ **C) God**
The Almighty is another name for **God**, meaning the all-powerful one. It is written with a capital letter, like **God**.

23. primal
✓ **A) basic**
Primal means very early, simple and **basic**, e.g. **primal beliefs** or **primal instincts**.

24. airway
✓ **B) throat**
Your **airway** is the passage through which air goes into your lungs, mainly the **throat**. Not **plane**: an **airway** in this medical sense has nothing to do with flying.

25. outmoded
✓ **D) old**
Outmoded means no longer modern or useful, so it is close to **old**, e.g. **outmoded treatments**.

26. **Doctors who treated patients for seizures in the 1800s were influenced by primal medical beliefs.**
✓ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 1 says doctors in the 1800s **were influenced more by primal medical beliefs than science**. So the statement is true.

27. **Doctors still used outmoded treatments even after definitive treatments were developed.**
✓ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 4 says **none of the outmoded treatments worked**. Paragraph 6 says that once the causes were known, **definitive treatments were developed**. The passage never says doctors kept using the old treatments after that, so the statement is false.

28. **The cause of seizures used to be equated to the work of the Almighty.**
✓ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 2 says people **equated seizures with the work of evil spirits**, not with the Almighty. In paragraph 3, patients asked for the grace of the Almighty to get rid of those spirits, so the statement is false.

29. **Today, treatment for seizures is personalized according to the type of seizure the patient has.**
✓ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 6 says: **Treatment is personalized according to the type of seizure the patient has.** This describes how seizures are treated today, so the statement is true.

30. **The cause of seizures pertains to misfired signals in the brain that cause a jerking reflex in the body.**
✓ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 5 says the causes **pertain to the brain** and that **misfired signals from the brain cause a jerking reflex in the body**. So the statement is true.

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