ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. **Choose the one that is similar in meaning to the given word.**
congested
✓ **B) crowded**
Congested means too full of people or traffic, so it is close to **crowded**. Example: **The roads are congested at rush hour.** Not **distinct**, which means clearly different or easy to notice.

2. exclusive
✓ **A) limited**
Exclusive describes something open only to a small, chosen group, so it is **limited**. Example: **an exclusive club**. Not **inexpensive**: exclusive places are usually expensive.

3. unsettle
✓ **D) worry**
To **unsettle** someone means to make them feel nervous, uneasy or worried. Example: **The strange noise unsettled him.**

4. garment
✓ **A) clothing**
A **garment** is a piece of **clothing**, such as a shirt or a dress. Not **equipment**, which means tools or machines.

5. propel
✓ **B) push**
To **propel** something means to **push** or drive it forward. Example: **The engine propels the boat.** **Capable** is an adjective, so it cannot match a verb.

6. The club was very _____ and didn't have many members.
✓ **B) exclusive**
The clue is **didn't have many members**. An **exclusive** club lets only a few chosen people join. Not **congested**, which would mean too crowded, the opposite of having few members.

7. The members had to pay a _____ just to join.
✓ **D) premium**
A **premium** is an extra or high price paid for something special. The phrase **pay a premium** is a common collocation, and the article **a** tells you a noun is needed.

8. My mother is _____ with making sure we impress our guests.
✓ **C) obsessed**
Obsessed with means thinking about something all the time, too much. After **is**, an adjective is needed, and **obsessed** goes with the preposition **with**.

9. For example, she makes sure our _____ is perfect.
✓ **E) etiquette**
Etiquette means the rules of polite behaviour in society. A mother who wants to impress guests makes sure the family's manners, their **etiquette**, are perfect.

10. I stepped onto the _____ and couldn't find a seat right away.
✓ **E) tram**
A **tram** is an electric vehicle that runs on rails in city streets and carries passengers. The clues **stepped onto** and **find a seat** show it is a kind of transport.

11. Finally, I made my way through the _____ aisle and sat down.
✓ **A) congested**
A **congested** aisle is full of people, which is why the speaker had to **make my way through** it. An adjective is needed before the noun **aisle**.

12. Hannah worked as a _____ for an advertising company.
✓ **A) courier**
A **courier** is a person whose job is to deliver packages or documents. The next sentence mentions **making deliveries**, which confirms the job.

13. Between making deliveries, she liked to _____ with the employees.
✓ **B) socialize**
To **socialize** means to spend time talking and being friendly with other people. After **liked to**, a base-form verb is needed, and **socialize with** fits.

14. The glue couldn't _____ the water from leaking from the pipes.
✓ **C) suppress**
To **suppress** something means to stop it or hold it back. After **couldn't**, a base-form verb is needed, and **suppress** is the only verb in this list.

15. Since I didn't clean it up right away, it caused the wooden floor to _____.
✓ **D) warp**
To **warp** means to bend or twist out of its normal shape, as wood often does when it gets wet. The pattern **caused ... to** needs a base-form verb.

16. Choose C if the italicized word is used correctly. Choose I if the word is used incorrectly.
Ellie could always count on her *intuitive* powers to know where her cat was. That's why the cat never got lost.
✔ **A) C**
Intuitive means knowing something by feeling rather than by thinking or proof. Ellie just **knows** where her cat is, so the word is used correctly.

17. The weatherman said it was *liable* to rain over the entire weekend, so we decided to go for a picnic on Saturday.
✔ **B) I**
Liable to means likely to. If rain was likely all weekend, planning a picnic makes no sense, so the sentence uses the word incorrectly.

18. Jared couldn't stop *obsessing* about his grade. When his teacher returned his test, he forgot about it immediately.
✔ **B) I**
Obsessing means thinking about something constantly and being unable to stop. Jared **forgot about it immediately**, which is the opposite, so the word is used incorrectly.

19. Maxine suffers from *insomnia*. She has seen several doctors, but none have helped her get any more sleep.
✔ **A) C**
Insomnia is a condition in which a person cannot sleep well. The phrase **get any more sleep** matches this meaning, so the word is used correctly.

20. Walter didn't know what to wear to the concert. All of his best *garments* needed to be washed.
✔ **A) C**
Garments are pieces of clothing. Walter's best clothes needed washing, so he didn't know what to wear. The word is used correctly.

21. Kevin took a taxi to the ship.
✔ **B) FALSE**
The first sentence says Kevin **stepped off the tram** and walked toward the ship. He came by tram, not by taxi, so the statement is false.

22. In order to get the privilege to be in the exclusive section, one had to wear fancy garments.
✔ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 2 says people **paid a premium for the privilege** to ride in first class. Paying extra gave them the privilege. Their fancy clothes were only something Kevin noticed, not a requirement, so the statement is false.

23. Kevin didn't socialize with the people in the exclusive section because it was too congested.
✔ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 2 says Kevin didn't socialize because **it was against proper etiquette**. It was the whole ship that was **congested**, not the reason he stayed away, so the statement is false.

24. Kevin could not sleep because he had insomnia.
✔ **A) TRUE**
The text says **That night, he suffered from insomnia**. He couldn't stop thinking about how strange he felt, so he could not sleep. The statement is true.

25. If Kevin hadn't seen the iceberg, the ship was liable to have crashed into it.
✔ **A) TRUE**
Kevin warns that **we're liable to crash**, and the captain says **Without your help, we would have definitely hit the iceberg.** So without Kevin, a crash was likely, and the statement is true.

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