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Explanations

1. Tankers are so-called because they consist of a series of walled sections forming **individual** tanks.
✔ **D) separate**
Here **individual** means each tank is a single unit, apart from the others, so it means **separate**. Not **personal** or **private**: those senses of individual refer to people, not to parts of a ship.

2. That the smaller companies should merge with the larger ones is **inescapable**.
✔ **B) unavoidable**
Inescapable means impossible to avoid or escape, so it means **unavoidable**. Not **necessary**: something can be necessary yet still avoidable if people choose not to do it.

3. It is **inevitable** that smoking will damage your health.
✔ **E) unavoidable**
Inevitable means certain to happen and impossible to prevent, so it means **unavoidable**: **It is inevitable that prices will rise. Unhealthy** fits the topic but not the meaning of the word.

4. Nobody can fight the **inevitable**.
✔ **C) inescapable**
Inevitable means certain to happen; **the inevitable** is something you cannot escape. So it means **inescapable**. **Fight the inevitable** means trying to stop something that cannot be stopped.

5. The minister preferred to resign rather than be accused publicly of **infamous** conduct.
✔ **D) disgraceful**
Infamous conduct is shameful, morally wrong behaviour, so it means **disgraceful**. The minister resigns to avoid this shame. Not **outstanding** or **meritorious**: these have positive meanings.

6. The cunning politician is **infamous** for accepting bribes from business circles.
✔ **A) notorious**
Infamous for something means well known for something bad, so it means **notorious**: **notorious for accepting bribes**. Not **loathed**: that means hated, not famous for something bad.

7. It may seem unbelievable, but Walter's enthusiasm, laughter and confidence are really **infectious**.
✔ **B) contagious**
Used of feelings, **infectious** means quickly spreading to other people, so it means **contagious**: **a contagious laugh**. Not **dangerous**: the sentence describes positive qualities that spread.

8. Tides are caused by the gravitational **influence** of the moon on ocean level.
✔ **E) impact**
Influence here is the effect or force one thing has on another, so it means **impact**: the moon's gravity affects the ocean. **Coercion** means forcing people to do something, so it does not fit.

9. E. C. Stanton and her friends held the famous convention in New York in 1848 to publicize the long-standing **injustice** to women.
✔ **B) unfairness**
Injustice means unfair treatment, so it means **unfairness**. Not **indifference** or **apathy**: these mean a lack of interest, and **equity** and **impartiality** are opposites of injustice.

10. There are many **innovations** in teaching a foreign language which really make learning easier.
✔ **D) new methods**
Innovations are new ideas or new ways of doing something. In language teaching, these are **new methods** that make learning easier. Not **new machines**: an innovation can be a machine, but in teaching it usually means a new way of working.

11. The **inquiry** concerning the accident on the highway was handled by the chief of police.
✔ **C) investigation**
An **inquiry** is an official process to find out the facts about something, so it means **investigation**. Not **survey**: a survey collects opinions or data from many people. **Inquisitiveness** means curiosity.

12. It is ridiculous to become angry about so **insignificant** a matter as football.
✔ **E) trivial**
Insignificant means unimportant, so it means **trivial**: **a trivial matter**. Not **absurd**: that means ridiculous, and it describes the anger rather than the matter.

13. Editorial cartoons **inspire** readers to form opinions on current affairs.
✔ **A) motivate**
To **inspire** someone to do something is to encourage them and make them want to do it, so it means **motivate**. The other options (**bore**, **discourage**, **dismay**, **appall**) all have negative meanings.

14. After she discussed the matter with the president of the bank, the businesswoman **instantly** received the loan.
✔ **D) immediately**
Instantly means at once, without any delay, so it means **immediately**. Not **soon**: that means after a short time, not at once.

15. The capable leaders **instilled** a spirit of nationalism in most African peoples.
✓ **C) implanted**
To **instil** a feeling or idea in people is to put it gradually and firmly into their minds, so it means **implanted**. **Extinguished** and **deterred** have roughly the opposite meaning.

16. The detectives have been **interrogating** the suspects for five hours.
✓ **C) questioning**
To **interrogate** someone is to ask them many questions, often aggressively, as the police do. So it means **questioning**. Not **watching**: that involves no questions.

17. Since they have completely different cultural backgrounds it is difficult for them to have an **intimate** relationship.
✓ **A) close**
An **intimate** relationship is a very personal, **close** one between people who know each other well. People from very different backgrounds may find this hard. Not **snug**: that means warm and comfortable, and it is used of places or clothes.

18. Steven suffers from stage fright and he is easily **intimidated** by a large audience.
✓ **C) frightened**
To be **intimidated** is to feel nervous or afraid, often because something seems too big or powerful. So it means **frightened**. The clue is **stage fright**.

19. Not everyone is qualified to be a teacher; some great scholars in the world are completely **inept** when it comes to passing on their knowledge to others.
✓ **A) incompetent**
Inept means having no skill or ability at something, so it means **incompetent**. Not **unwilling** or **reluctant**: these describe not wanting to do something, not being bad at it.

20. The **introduction** of Henry Ford's ideas revolutionized the automaking industry.
✓ **A) implementation**
Here **introduction** means bringing something into use for the first time. Ford's ideas, such as the assembly line, changed the car industry because they were put into practice, so the best synonym is **implementation**. Not **presentation**: simply showing or explaining ideas would not revolutionize an industry.

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