ADVANCED VOCABULARY TESTS

Advanced Vocabulary Test 2 – ESL Vocabulary Exercises

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1. We are seeking client management personnel who are truly _____ in oral and written communications.
A) unyielding **B)** avaricious
C) adept **D)** vulnerable
E) maladroit

2. Is there any objection to my _____ this meeting here and now?
A) assimilating **B)** improvising
C) adjourning **D)** facilitating
E) abstracting

3. A parliamentary committee severely _____ the Minister last year for accepting personal gifts from foreign companies.
A) abominated **B)** approved of
C) admonished **D)** detached
E) decelerated

4. Our new men are particularly ***adroit*** in handling this type of machinery.

Adroit means: _____.
A) adamant **B)** vulnerable
C) dexterous **D)** awkward
E) clumsy

5. Can you imagine a film star not craving for public ***adulation***?

Adulation means: _____.
A) flattery **B)** pliability
C) denunciation **D)** stigmatization
E) detachment

6. The _____ of electronic mail made it possible to share information quickly and more effectively.
A) impromptu **B)** advent
C) prelude **D)** bluntness
E) felicity

7. The visitors pretended that they had not noticed the insult, but it was a (an) _____ that was not likely ever to be forgotten or forgiven.
A) affront **B)** adultery
C) feat **D)** geek
E) appeasement

8. _____ **:** Action undertaken to increase one's own power and influence or to draw attention to one's own importance.
A) Self-aggrandisement **B)** Self-diminishment
C) Self-sufficiency **D)** Self-aggravation
E) Self-impression

9. Please, please don't ***aggravate*** the situation! 'Tis already bad enough!

Aggravate here means _____.
A) appease **B)** tranquilize
C) palliate **D)** worsen
E) extenuate

10. The security forces were instructed to step in and disperse any ***aggregation*** which they deemed ill-intentioned.

Aggregation means _____.
A) enactment **B)** impoverishment
C) gathering **D)** abrogation
E) provocation

11. Colonel Cesurhan tried to _____ his soldiers to stand fast in the face of overwhelming odds.
A) mitigate **B)** palliate
C) obliterate **D)** juxtapose
E) exhort

12. Apparently, the boy felt no _____ about telling on his friends.
A) qualms **B)** astuteness
C) lampoon **D)** façade
E) juxtaposition

13. We may never know what really might be taking place in the _____ depths of the schizophrenic mind.
A) obliterated **B)** impenetrable
C) ribald **D)** ingratiating
E) opulent

14. Being mentally alert or quick: That is what having "an _____ mind" means.
A) agile **B)** sluggish
C) inert **D)** lethargic
E) inept

15. By the time they got on the plane he was _____ beyond control and his friends were constrained to tell him quite openly to pull himself together.
A) lulled **B)** placated
C) soothed **D)** agitated
E) subdued

16. The _____ effects of alcohol on the liver have long been known by medical authorities.
A) pernicious **B)** alleviating
C) jubilant **D)** putative
E) hermetic

17. To me, the recording and release of Gencebay's album "***Give Me a Consolation***" back in the 70s has been the _____ of his brilliant musical career.
A) abyss **B)** nadir **C)** apex **D)** ebb
E) nether

18. My uncle's tastes in music are rather _____. He keeps buying all sorts of classical music, jazz, rock-and-roll, and hip-hop CDs.
A) histrionic **B)** ubiquitous
C) pejorative **D)** eclectic
E) officious

19. The colonel warned his men that he expected his orders to be carried out ***with zeal and swiftness*** by all concerned.

With zeal and swiftness means ***with*** _____.
A) lethargy **B)** apathy
C) blunder **D)** hibernation
E) alacrity

20. All through the rest of the summer, small enemy units kept _____ the upland villages.
A) tillaging **B)** refurbishing
C) pillaging **D)** repudiating
E) brandishing

21. Many TV programs are in fact commercials _____ as good advice on this, that or the other aspect of our lives.
A) pleading **B)** acquiring
C) masquerading **D)** assigning
E) miscalculating

22. Mr. İzbul's _____ criticism of the management's mishandling of the funds drew enthusiastic support from the shareholders.
A) trenchant **B)** odious
C) lethargic **D)** repugnant
E) obnoxious

23. The book is on such a (an) _____ subject that I am certain no one understands what it's all about.
A) palpable **B)** esoteric
C) ostensible **D)** reprehensible
E) auspicious

24. The townspeople were worried about the new dam, but their fears were _____ by the authorities, who reassured them that even an earthquake of more than 9.5 on the Richter scale could cause it no harm.
A) palpated **B)** aggravated
C) prevaricated **D)** tantalized
E) allayed

25. Trouble had long been _____ between the rival gangs in the neighbourhood before the final confrontation of last Saturday.
A) curtailing **B)** mortifying
C) brewing **D)** mortgaging
E) confounding

26. I suspect that these plants aren't _____ to the Aegean region. At least, I've never seen them before.
A) indigenous **B)** ingenuous
C) egregious **D)** pejorative
E) intolerable

27. Reporters are advised to refrain from using clichés or _____ terms when describing individuals who are overweight or obese.
A) pensive **B)** assimilating
C) pejorative **D)** decelerating
E) saturated

28. The singer's visit to the city seems to have eased some of the anger caused by her _____ remarks about its people some time ago.
A) agonized **B)** discreet
C) palpable **D)** disparaging
E) pensive

29. Many tourists find it hard to resist the ***allurement*** of the city's bright lights and busy markets.

Allurement means _____.
A) aversion **B)** allusion
C) attraction **D)** estrangement
E) confrontation

30. A group of youths stood momentarily, surveyed the old man with disparaging eyes, made some rude ***allusions*** to his bare feet, and then marched off giggling to themselves.

Allusion means _____.
A) insane flattery **B)** lethal ailment
C) immature illusion **D)** indirect reference
E) crude ointment

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