ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. I have no idea where the relatives on my father's side live, LET ALONE visiting them.
✔ **D) never mind**
Let alone (= **never mind**, **much less**) comes after a negative idea. It shows that the next thing is even less likely: **I can't boil an egg, let alone cook dinner.** Not **leave alone**, which means 'don't disturb'.

2. Vasco da Gama was a Portuguese EXPLORER born around 1460.
✔ **A) traveler**
An **explorer** is a **traveler** who goes to unknown places to learn about them. Da Gama sailed from Europe to India. Not **conqueror**, because exploring is about discovering places, not taking them by force.

3. The Vikings liked to make up long tales about their BRAVE deeds.
✔ **B) fearless**
Brave means **fearless**: not afraid of danger. **Timid** is the opposite. Not **strong**, which is about physical power, not courage.

4. The daily performance was killingly DULL.
✔ **D) boring**
Dull means **boring**, not interesting at all. **Killingly dull** means extremely boring. **Dynamic** and **bright** mean nearly the opposite.

5. Doctor Manson CURED a lot of miners; that's why he won great popularity and respect among them.
✔ **A) healed**
To **cure** someone means to make them well again, in other words to **heal** them. Not **recovered**: the sick person **recovers**, while the doctor **cures** them.

6. Australian Aborigines are the DESCENDANTS of people who came to the continent from Asia at least 50,000 years ago.
✔ **C) offspring**
Descendants are the children, grandchildren and later generations of a person or group. That is their **offspring**. Not **predecessors**, which means the people who came before, almost the opposite.

7. I LIKE collecting stamps.
✔ **C) am fond of**
Be fond of means to **like** something: **I'm fond of music.** Not **am good at**, which is about skill, not liking.

8. In our little company, I am A BIG FISH IN A SMALL POND. What does "to be a big fish in a small pond" mean?
✔ **C) to be important in a small company**
The idiom **a big fish in a small pond** describes someone who is important only within a small group or organisation, such as a small company. The speaker says this about **our little company**. Not **to be respected everywhere**, because the idiom says the importance is limited to a small place.

9. Nobody believed his VOW because it wasn't the first time he had made one.
✔ **D) oath**
A **vow** is a serious promise, also called an **oath**: **a vow of silence**. Not **belief** or **opinion**, which are things you think, not things you promise.

10. The first colonists from England made new homes and began TO WIDEN industrial towns.
✔ **C) broaden**
To **widen** means to make something wider or bigger, in other words to **broaden** it. Not **establish**, which means to start or found something new; it fits the sentence but does not mean 'widen'.

11. He STUDIED the document for a long time.
✔ **D) examined carefully**
To **study** something means to **examine** it **carefully** and in detail. Not **looked through** or **read quickly**: both mean reading fast, without much attention.

12. Did you manage to stop the FIGHT between those two boys?
✔ **E) struggle**
A **fight** is a physical **struggle** between people. The other options (show, stage, picture, talk) do not involve fighting.

13. The woman adds water to UNITE the flour and the milk.
✔ **E) combine**
To **unite** means to bring things together into one. When we mix ingredients, we **combine** them: **Combine the flour and the milk. Separate** and **divide** mean the opposite.

14. I can call back the faint ODORS of the wild flowers.
✔ **E) fragrances**
Odors are smells. Pleasant smells, like those of flowers, are **fragrances**. Not **orders**, which only looks similar.

15. If the shops were not so CROWDED, the clerks would not be so tired.
✔ **B) full**
Crowded means **full** of people: **The bus was crowded.** The other options have nothing to do with how many people are in a place.

16. Her interest in people and other animals was warm, personal and FRIENDLY.
✔ **A) cordial**
Cordial means warm and **friendly**: **a cordial welcome**. **Antagonistic**, **cool** and **hostile** are the opposite.

17. A dolphin asks for HELP.
✔ **A) assistance**
Assistance means **help**: **ask for assistance**. Not **assistant**, which is a person who helps, not the help itself.

18. Edison's idea was TO CHECK the mistakes of his son.
✔ **C) to verify**
To **check** means to look at something to make sure it is correct, in other words to **verify** it. Not **to develop**, which means to make something grow or improve.

19. **Find the synonym of the following words.**

Important
✔ **D) significant**
Significant means **important**: **a significant change**. Not **secondary**, which means less important.

20. **Stubborn**
✔ **B) obstinate**
Stubborn and **obstinate** both describe someone who refuses to change their mind. **Pliable** and **yielding** mean the opposite: easy to persuade.

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