ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. Petar Naumoski has a Turkish passport under the _____ of *Namik Polat*, as well as Italian citizenship, but most people don't use that name.
✔ **A) name**
The fixed phrase is **under the name of** (or **under the name**): it means a document or activity is registered with that name. **Namik Polat** is a full name, not just a **surname** or **middle name**, and a **nickname** is an informal name that would not appear in a passport.

2. _____ is the belief in one God.
✔ **C) Monotheism**
Mono- means 'one' and **-theism** means 'belief in God', so **monotheism** is the belief in one God. **Polytheism** is the belief in many gods, and **atheism** is the belief that there is no God.

3. His intention to _____ the two close friends from each other didn't work as they both knew that he was not a real friend.
✔ **C) alienate**
To **alienate** people **from each other** means to make them feel distant or unfriendly towards each other. The clue is that the plan failed because both friends knew he was not a real friend. Not **distinguish**, which means 'tell apart' and says nothing about breaking a friendship.

4. The doctor has been trying to find an _____ to give to the poisoned patient.
✔ **D) antidote**
An **antidote** is a substance that stops the effects of a poison: **There is no known antidote to this snake's venom.** The clue is **the poisoned patient**. Not **antiseptic**, which kills germs on the skin or in wounds. Not **anaesthetic**, which stops pain during an operation.

5. Britain once had many colonies. However, some of them were _____ and governed themselves without receiving orders from London.
✔ **B) autonomous**
Autonomous means self-governing: able to make your own decisions without control from outside. The clue is **governed themselves without receiving orders**. **Dependent** and **subordinate** mean the opposite.

6. Technology isn't always _____ to humans. It may also destroy nature.
✔ **E) beneficial**
An adjective is needed after **isn't always**, followed by **to**. **Beneficial to** means 'good for' or 'helpful to': **Exercise is beneficial to your health.** Not **benevolent**, which means 'kind and generous' and describes people, not things like technology.

7. Scientists have been doing research on the _____ between climate change and the ozone layer.
✔ **E) correlation**
A **correlation** is a connection between two things, where one changes when the other changes. It is used with **between**: **the correlation between smoking and cancer**. **Cause** is not used with **between**, and **correspond** is a verb.

8. His conversation is full of _____ ideas; he should be clearer and more compact.
✔ **C) diffuse**
Diffuse ideas or writing are spread out and unclear, using too many words. The clue **he should be clearer and more compact** shows this. **Lucid** (clear) and **obvious** mean the opposite of what the sentence needs.

9. He _____ leaves the lights on when he goes out at night in order that thieves won't break into his house.
✔ **B) deliberately**
Deliberately means 'on purpose'. The clue is the purpose clause **in order that thieves won't break in**. Not **definitely** (certainly), because the sentence is about his intention, not about how certain something is.

10. No one in the world is capable of knowing another person's _____, so all fortune tellers are liars in my eyes.
✔ **A) destiny**
Destiny is what will happen to a person in the future, especially when it seems already decided. This is exactly what fortune tellers claim to know. **Appreciate** is a verb, and **testimony** (a statement in court) does not fit the meaning.

11. Countries should stop _____ weaponry to other countries in order to have a peaceful world.
✔ **B) providing**
To **provide** something **to** someone means to give or supply it: **providing weaponry to other countries**. Not **submitting**, which means handing in a document or giving in to someone, and not **protecting**, which makes no sense here.

12. The most remarkable thing about the small army was that it never _____ to the enemy, even when it was greatly outnumbered.
✔ **E) submitted**
Submit to means to accept someone's control or stop resisting them: **They refused to submit to the invaders.** Not **subsided**, which means 'became less strong or loud' (**The storm subsided**). Not **subsisted**, which means 'managed to stay alive'.

13. If Olkerspor wins the _____ match, it will have the right to play in the final, so this match is very important.
✔ **D) semi-final**
A **semi-final** is the match just before the final; the winner goes on to play in the final. Not **final**, because the sentence says the winner will then **play in the final**.

14. That all guests have to sit in order of _____ in meetings shows a kind of hierarchy in the firm.
✔ **A) precedence**
Precedence is the order of importance or rank. **In order of precedence** means the most important people come first. The clue is **a kind of hierarchy**. **Precaution** (an action taken to avoid danger) does not fit.

15. His _____ about the rates of inflation turned out to be incredibly true.
✔ **B) prediction**
A **prediction** is a statement about what will happen in the future, so it can **turn out to be true**. Not **preconception**, which is an opinion formed in advance without enough knowledge. **Preconceived** is an adjective, and **precision** means exactness.

16. Archaeologists have found some fossils of animals that are estimated to have lived in _____ times.
✔ **D) prehistoric**
Prehistoric times are the period before people started writing history. Fossils come from this very early period. Not **medieval** or **pre-war**, which are far too recent for fossils. **Prefabricated** describes buildings made in parts.

17. The stars are not _____ to the naked eye because of the clouds.
✔ **C) visible**
An adjective is needed after **are not**, so the answer is **visible** (able to be seen). **Visibly** is an adverb, and **vision** is a noun. The fixed phrase is **visible to the naked eye**, meaning 'seen without a telescope'.

18. The _____ of the two small towns into one city took several years.
✔ **E) unification**
Unification means joining separate things together into one. The clue is **of the two small towns into one city**. **Uniformity** means being the same everywhere, **uniqueness** means being one of a kind, and **unilateralism** means acting alone without others. **Unionization** means forming trade unions.

19. Despite their _____, professors do not always know everything about their subjects.
✔ **D) posturing**
Posturing is behaviour meant to impress others or to make people believe something, for example acting as if you know everything. **Despite** shows a contrast: professors act very knowledgeable, but they don't know everything. The other options (**postnatal**, **postscript**, **post-war**, **post-modernism**) have no connection with the meaning.

20. I think Arnold is best suited for _____ films when I consider his performance in Terminator I and II.
✔ **E) science fiction**
Terminator films are about robots and time travel, which makes them **science fiction**: stories about imaginary future science and technology. **Scientific** films would teach real science, and **documentary** films show real events.

21. He thinks he is _____ to everyone in the class since his father is very rich, but in fact, he is lazy and his grades are the lowest.
✔ **B) superior**
Superior to means 'better than': **He thinks he is superior to everyone.** An adjective is needed after **is**. **Superiority** is a noun, and **superlative** is a grammar term or means 'excellent'.

22. Ahmet Hasim's poems are full of _____, like his very famous poem "The Stairs".
✔ **D) symbolism**
Symbolism is the use of symbols (images or objects) to stand for ideas. Ahmet Haşim was a symbolist poet. Not **synonyms**, which are words with the same meaning, and not **symmetry**, which means balanced shape.

23. It was _____ that the teacher asked us to solve such easy questions in the final exam.
✔ **C) ridiculous**
Ridiculous means silly or unreasonable enough to laugh at. It was strange to give such easy questions in a final exam. Not **serious**, which does not match the idea of questions being surprisingly easy.

24. A person who has _____ cannot be a pilot, because being high above the ground terrifies them.
✔ **B) acrophobia**
Acrophobia is an extreme fear of heights (**acro-** = high). Not **claustrophobia**, which is a fear of small, closed spaces. Not **agoraphobia**, which is a fear of open or public places. **Hydrophobia** is a fear of water.

25. The professional thief _____ the diamonds with their imitations in order that no one would notice that they had been stolen.
✔ **C) interchanged**
To **interchange** one thing **with** another means to put each in the other's place, which is how the thief swapped the real diamonds for copies. Not **interacted**, which means 'communicated with' and is not followed by an object like **the diamonds**.

26. Good _____ communication is needed in this company.
✔ **A) interpersonal**
Interpersonal means 'between people': **interpersonal communication** is how people in a company talk and work together. Not **intramural**, which means 'within one school or organization' and is used mainly for sports.

27. In the novel, the computer that controls the city seems _____ and _____: it can do anything, and it is everywhere at once.
✓ A) omnipotent / omnipresent
Omni- means 'all'. **Omnipotent** means all-powerful (**can do anything**), and **omnipresent** means present everywhere (**everywhere at once**). **Omniscient** means 'knowing everything', and **omnivorous** means 'eating everything', so neither matches the clues. In **almighty / powerful**, only **almighty** fits; **powerful** does not mean 'everywhere'.

28. Switzerland is one of the most _____ countries in Europe.
✓ C) affluent
Affluent means rich and wealthy: **an affluent country**. Switzerland is known for its high standard of living. **Underprivileged** and **underdeveloped** mean the opposite, and **belligerent** means aggressive or ready to fight.

29. In order to have _____ in the area, both companies are lowering their prices.
✓ E) dominance
Dominance is power or control over others, here being the strongest company in the area. Lowering prices is a way to win customers. **Command** and **mastery** are normally used with **of** (**command of the market**) and do not fit **have ___ in the area**.

30. It took the teacher a long time to announce the results because a problem had _____ in the _____ of the results.
✓ D) occurred / evaluation
A problem **occurs** (happens) during a process. The **evaluation** of the results is the process of checking and judging them. In the other pairs, a problem cannot be **made**, **limited** or **achieved**, and **tendency** does not fit the second gap.

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