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Explanations

1. According to the Romantics, the artist must _____ himself from a corrupt society to produce art.
✔ **D) alienate**
The gap needs a verb that takes a reflexive object: **alienate oneself from** means to cut yourself off from a group or make yourself a stranger to it. **Alien** is mainly a noun or adjective. **Alight** means to get off a vehicle or to land.

2. Are your salaries increased twice a year or _____?
✔ **D) annually**
The gap needs an adverb of frequency to contrast with **twice a year**. **Annually** means once a year. **Annuity** is a noun meaning a yearly payment, usually from an investment, and **annualled** is not a word.

3. He doesn't really like _____ sports because he once nearly drowned in a pool.
✔ **E) aquatic**
Aquatic is an adjective meaning 'connected with water'. **Aquatic sports** are sports such as swimming, diving and water polo. **Aquarium** is a tank for fish, and **aquamarine** is a blue-green colour or stone.

4. You can open the bottle by twisting it _____.
✔ **A) anti-clockwise**
Anti-clockwise (British English; American English uses **counterclockwise**) means turning in the opposite direction to the hands of a clock. This is the usual way to unscrew a cap. The other options describe attitudes or products, not directions.

5. He is extremely strong. He is a _____ man.
✔ **E) bionic**
Bionic literally describes a body with electronic or mechanical parts that give it superhuman power. Informally, it means extraordinarily strong or capable: **a bionic man**. **Biopsy** is a medical test on tissue, and **biographic** relates to someone's life story.

6. This magazine has been published _____, with six issues a year so far, but henceforth, it will be published weekly.
✔ **D) bimonthly**
The clue is **six issues a year**. **Bimonthly** means every two months, which gives six issues a year. Not **biannually**, which means twice a year. **Biennially** means every two years, and **biweekly** means every two weeks.

7. The professor has lectured to various _____ all over the world.
✔ **E) audiences**
You lecture **to** people, so the gap needs **audiences**: groups of people listening to a talk. Not **auditoriums**, because these are the halls you lecture **in**, not the people you lecture **to**.

8. In the 21st century, Turkey and Greece should enjoy a period of peaceful _____ in the region.
✔ **E) coexistence**
After the adjective **peaceful**, the gap needs a noun. **Peaceful coexistence** is a fixed collocation meaning living side by side without conflict. **Coexistent** and **cooperative** are adjectives, and **corporation** means a large company.

9. After you come back from your holiday, I want a detailed _____ of your trip.
✔ **E) chronology**
A **chronology** is an account of events in the order in which they happened: **a detailed chronology of your trip**. A **chronometer** is a very accurate clock, and **chronic** describes a long-lasting illness or problem.

10. Some people say that smoking may not be harmful if the smoker doesn't smoke excessively, but I think the _____. If an excessive amount is harmful, small amounts are harmful too.
✔ **E) contrary**
The contrary is a noun phrase meaning 'the opposite'. **I think the contrary** means I believe the opposite is true, as the next sentence shows. Not **contradiction**, which is a statement that conflicts with another, not an opinion you hold.

11. We have to _____ all these old houses in order to build new ones.
✔ **C) demolish**
Demolish means to knock down a building completely: **They demolished the old factory.** **Demobilize** means to release soldiers from service, and **deform** means to change the normal shape of something.

12. The Prime Minister argued that soldiers shouldn't _____ their political views to the people.
✔ **A) dictate**
After **shouldn't**, the gap needs a base verb. To **dictate** something **to** someone means to impose it with authority: **dictate one's views to others**. The other options are nouns: **dictation**, **dictator**, **diction** (the way you pronounce words) and **dictionary**.

13. Knights shouldn't be _____ to their kings.
✔ **C) disloyal**
After **be**, the gap needs an adjective, and **disloyal to** is the right pattern. It means not faithful to someone you should support. **Disagree**, **dismiss** and **disapprove** are verbs, and **disapproval** is a noun.

14. This teacher is the _____ of all good virtues.
✔ **E) embodiment**
The embodiment of a quality is a person who represents it perfectly: **She is the embodiment of kindness. Embellishment** means decoration, and **embroider** and **empower** are verbs.

15. Physical _____ and first impressions are very important in our sector.
✔ **C) appearance**
Physical appearance means the way someone looks, and it fits naturally with **first impressions**. **Experience** and **preference** do not collocate with **physical** in this sense.

16. Ankara is approximately _____ from Istanbul and Bursa.
✔ **C) equidistant**
Equidistant from A and B means at the same distance from both places. **Equivalent** means equal in value or meaning. **Equinox** is the day when day and night are equal in length.

17. In the past, _____, which means that a man has two wives, used to be considered normal, but in our century it is not so common.
✔ **C) bigamy**
Bigamy (from **bi-**, 'two') means being married to two people at the same time. **Monogamy** means having only one partner. **Polyandry** means a woman having more than one husband, and **endogamy** means marrying within your own group.

18. Copernicus contradicted the _____ model of the solar system by stating that the sun was central.
✔ **E) geocentric**
Geocentric means 'with the Earth at the centre'. The old model put the Earth in the middle, and Copernicus replaced it with a **heliocentric** (sun-centred) model. **Geographical** and **geological** describe the study of places and of rocks.

19. There is a popular idea that _____ classes in schools and courses are likely to be more successful.
✔ **E) homogeneous**
Homogeneous means made up of similar parts or members. A **homogeneous class** has students of a similar level or background. **Homograph** and **homophone** are terms for words with the same spelling or the same sound.

20. I know very well what she wanted to _____ by mentioning the project in the meeting.
✔ **E) imply**
To **imply** means to suggest something without saying it directly: **What are you implying?** Not **implicate**, which means to show that someone is involved in a crime or a problem.

21. The project's _____ stated that the company shouldn't risk its financial resources on it.
✔ **C) antagonists**
Antagonists are people who actively oppose something or someone, so **the project's antagonists** argued against it. **Narcissists** are people who admire themselves too much. **Misogamists** are people who hate marriage.

22. Recently, the _____ power of the local mineral water has been disputed.
✔ **E) curative**
Curative means able to cure illness, and **curative power** is a common collocation for healing waters. Not **effective**, because **effective power** does not express the idea of healing.

23. All his efforts turned out to be _____ because the judge sentenced him to pay for all the damage.
✔ **D) fruitless**
Fruitless means producing no useful result. **Fruitless efforts** are efforts that fail, as here, where he still had to pay. Not **hopeless**, which describes a situation with no hope, not efforts that failed.

24. Some pop stars seem to be successful due to their ability to _____ the media.
✔ **E) manipulate**
To **manipulate** means to control or influence someone cleverly and often unfairly: **manipulate the media**. **Manufacture** means to produce goods. **Manoeuvre** means to move skilfully and does not take **the media** as its object in this sense.

25. Christianity, Islam and Judaism are _____ religions.
✔ **C) monotheistic**
Monotheistic means believing in one God (**mono-** 'one' + **theos** 'god'). **Monogamous** means having one partner, **monosyllabic** means having one syllable, and **monophobia** is the fear of being alone.

26. However much science advances, _____ cannot be attained.
✔ **E) immortality**
The gap is the subject of the clause, so it must be a noun. **Immortality** means living forever. Not **mortality**, which means being certain to die, so it is not something people try to attain. **Immortal** and **mortal** are adjectives.

27. The _____ of this book tries to influence the readers by using an extraordinarily effective writing method.
✔ **E) author**
The **author** is the person who wrote the book and tries to influence readers through the writing. Not **editor**, because an editor prepares or corrects someone else's text.

28. I have felt a great _____ towards him that I cannot figure out. Maybe his physical appearance is repulsive to me.
✔ **D) antipathy**
Antipathy means a strong feeling of dislike, which matches **repulsive** in the next sentence. Not **sympathy** or **empathy**, which are positive feelings. **Apathy** means a lack of interest.

29. Before the invention of the car, horses were the common means of _____.
✔ **D) transportation**
A means of transportation (British English also says **transport**) is a way of travelling or carrying goods. Horses filled this role before cars. **Portable** is an adjective, and **porters** are people who carry luggage.

30. Everyone hopes that _____ will have found a cure for diseases like AIDS and cancer by the year 2050.
✔ **E) scientists**
The gap needs a noun for people who can **find a cure**, so the answer is **scientists**. **Scientific** is an adjective, and **scientology** is the name of a religious movement. **Pharmacy** is a shop or a subject, not people.

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