ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Essential Words for the TOEFL Lesson 9: Vocabulary Test

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Explanations

1. Tourism ___ nearly half of the island's income, so one bad season affects almost every family.
✔ **D) accounts for**
To account for an amount means to form that part of a total. Tourism makes up almost half of the island's income.

2. Modern satellites give ___ measurements of sea level, correct to within a few millimetres.
✔ **B) accurate**
Accurate means correct in every detail. Measurements correct to a few millimetres are very exact.

3. Water shortages became ___ during the long, hot summer, and some towns had running water for only two hours a day.
✔ **C) acute**
Acute means very serious or severe. Water for only two hours a day shows how bad the shortage was.

4. Biologists ___ animals into groups according to the features they share, such as backbones or feathers.
✔ **A) classify**
To classify means to arrange things into groups by type. Shared features decide which group an animal belongs to.

5. Before travelling, students should change some money into the local ___, as many small shops do not accept cards.
✔ **C) currency**
Currency is the money used in a particular country. Travellers change their money into the local currency to pay in cash.

6. The ___ forest blocks most of the sunlight, so very few plants grow on the ground beneath the trees.
✔ **D) dense**
Dense means having many things close together. The trees grow so close that little light reaches the ground.

7. The light in the old reading room was so ___ that visitors needed lamps to read the small print.
✔ **B) dim**
Dim means not bright. Weak light makes small print hard to read, so visitors needed lamps.

8. From next spring the museum will ___ the newly found fossils in a glass case in its main hall, where every visitor can see them.
✔ **A) display**
To display means to put something where people can see it. Visitors will be able to look at the fossils in the main hall.

9. Coffee and tea are the country's main ___, earning most of its income from abroad.
✔ **D) exports**
Exports are products that a country sells abroad. Selling coffee and tea to other nations brings money in.

10. Blue whales are ___ animals, growing longer than two buses parked end to end.
✔ **C) gigantic**
Gigantic means extremely large. Blue whales are the largest animals that have ever lived.

11. "The students' final designs were impressive, and two of them won prizes at the national science fair." In this sentence, the word "impressive" is closest in meaning to
✔ **A) admirable**
Impressive means good enough to make people admire it. Winning prizes shows that the designs were admired.

12. "Technicians will install new heating in the student flats during the summer break." In this sentence, the word "install" is closest in meaning to
✔ **B) put in**
To install equipment is to fit it and connect it so it works. The new heating will be fitted in the flats.

13. "The report was full of legal jargon that most ordinary readers could not understand." In this sentence, the word "jargon" is closest in meaning to
✔ **C) specialist language**
Jargon is the special words used by one profession or group, which outsiders find hard to follow. Lawyers' terms confuse ordinary readers.

14. "Heavy rain had saturated the playing fields, so the match was moved to the sports hall." In this sentence, the word "saturated" is closest in meaning to
✔ **B) soaked**
To saturate something is to fill it completely with water. The fields were soaked, so play was moved indoors.

15. "The instructions were straightforward, so most students finished setting up the experiment in ten minutes." In this sentence, the word "straightforward" is closest in meaning to
✔ **A) simple**
Straightforward means easy to understand or do. Finishing in ten minutes shows the instructions were simple.

16. "The bricks were of uniform size, which made it easy to build the walls in neat, straight rows." In this sentence, the word "uniform" is closest in meaning to
✓ D) the same
Uniform means not changing or differing; every one is alike. Bricks of the same size fit neatly in rows; varied is the opposite.

17. "The market was vibrant with music, bright cloth and the voices of traders calling to customers." In this sentence, the word "vibrant" is closest in meaning to
✓ A) lively
Vibrant means full of energy, life and colour. Music, colours and voices make the market lively.

18. "Rising fuel costs account for most of the increase in airline ticket prices this year." In this sentence, the phrase "account for" is closest in meaning to
✓ C) explain
Account for here means to be the reason for something. Fuel costs explain most of the rise in ticket prices.

19. "The historian checked every date and name to make sure the timeline in her book was accurate." In this sentence, the word "accurate" is closest in meaning to
✓ D) correct
Accurate means correct and without mistakes. Checking every date and name is done to avoid errors.

20. "The patient was taken to hospital with acute pain in her side, which had begun only an hour earlier." In this sentence, the word "acute" is closest in meaning to
✓ B) severe
Acute pain is sharp and severe, and often starts suddenly. Long-lasting pain is called chronic, not acute.

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