ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. The _____ of the British Royal Navy was very strong in the nineteenth century.
✔ **B) fleet**
A **fleet** is a group of ships or boats, especially a navy. Example: **a fleet of warships**.

2. Disease reduced the farmer's _____ from 90 to 65 cows.
✔ **C) herd**
A **herd** is a group of cows or other large farm animals. Not **flock**, which is for sheep and birds.

3. She was attacked by a _____ of wasps.
✔ **B) swarm**
A **swarm** is a large group of flying insects, such as wasps or bees.

4. A _____ of shouting people overturned cars, set fire to shops and attacked a police station.
✔ **A) mob**
A **mob** is a large, angry and often violent crowd of people.

5. The Irish Prime Minister occupied a _____ of rooms at the hotel.
✔ **C) suite**
A **suite** is a set of connected rooms, especially in a hotel. Example: **a hotel suite**.

6. Some spectators in the _____ disagreed with the referee's decision.
✔ **B) crowd**
The people watching a sports match are the **crowd**. Not **audience**, which is used for a play, concert or film.

7. He bought a large _____ of bananas.
✔ **A) bunch**
A **bunch** is a group of things growing or held together, such as **a bunch of bananas** or **a bunch of grapes**.

8. The priest was very sad to see his _____ getting smaller week by week.
✔ **D) congregation**
A **congregation** is the group of people who attend a church service.

9. Fishing boats use modern equipment to locate the _____ of fish.
✔ **D) shoals**
A **shoal** is a large group of fish swimming together. Here it is plural: **shoals of fish**.

10. She lost her balance and fell down a _____ of steps.
✔ **B) flight**
A **flight** of steps or stairs is a series of steps between two levels. Example: **She climbed a flight of stairs**.

11. He was the leader of a well-known _____ of criminals.
✔ **A) gang**
A **gang** is a group of criminals or young people who cause trouble.

12. We sat down in the shade of a _____ of trees.
✔ **C) clump**
A **clump** is a small group of trees or plants growing close together.

13. In spring, _____ of birds arrive back in Europe after spending the winter in Africa.
✔ **A) flocks**
A **flock** is a group of birds or sheep. Here it is plural: **flocks of birds**.

14. Our picnic was completely ruined by a _____ of ants.
✔ **B) swarm**
A **swarm** is a large group of insects moving together, such as ants, bees or flies.

15. He gave her a _____ of flowers.
✔ **A) bunch**
We say **a bunch of flowers** for flowers tied or held together.

16. British Airways has a _____ of 26 Boeing 747s.
✔ **B) fleet**
A **fleet** is a group of ships, planes or vehicles owned by one company. Example: **a fleet of taxis**.

17. She gave a _____ of old clothes to a charity organization.
✔ **B) bundle**
A **bundle** is a number of things, such as clothes or papers, tied or wrapped together.

18. The _____ applauded the new play enthusiastically.
✔ **C) audience**
The **audience** is the people watching a play, film or concert.

19. Has anyone seen a _____ of keys? I left them somewhere.
✔ **A) bunch**
We say **a bunch of keys** for several keys kept together on a ring.

20. Golf is an expensive game. You'll need a _____ of clubs.
✔ **D) set**
A **set** is a group of things that belong together and are used together. Example: **a set of golf clubs**.

21. The books were arranged in a _____ one on top of the other.
✔ **D) stack**
A **stack** is a neat pile of things placed one on top of the other. Example: **a stack of books**.

22. They've bought a leather three-piece _____ - a sofa and two armchairs.
✔ **C) suite**
A **three-piece suite** is a sofa and two matching armchairs.

23. Let's play a game. Who's got a _____ of cards?
✔ **A) pack**
In British English we say **a pack of cards**. American English often says **a deck of cards**.

24. The cruise ship carries 150 passengers and a _____ of 85.
✔ **C) crew**
The **crew** is the people who work on a ship or plane.

25. The _____ of sheep was controlled by a shepherd and two dogs.
✔ **C) flock**
A group of sheep is a **flock**. Not **herd**, which is used for cows and other large animals.

26. For their wedding, I gave them a _____ of cutlery (6 knives, 6 spoons, 6 forks etc.).
✔ **D) set**
A **set** is a group of things that belong together, such as **a set of cutlery** or **a set of glasses**.

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