VERBAL ADVANTAGE - LEVEL 01-10 VOCABULARY TESTS

Verbal Advantage – Level 02 Review Test

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1. When you read, the best thing you can do to help build your vocabulary is _____.
A) look for words you don't know
B) try to guess what words mean from context
C) read around words you don't know
D) read books with difficult words

2. Which word means exuding a fragrance, aromatic?
A) adamant **B)** redolent
C) poignant **D)** ambient

3. Which one of the following words denotes a coin collector?
A) prestidigitator **B)** philatelist
C) sommelier **D)** numismatist

4. Which word means to report widely, spread the word?
A) aver **B)** eschew **C)** bruit **D)** impugn

5. Which word means softening, soothing?
A) enervating **B)** emollient
C) ebullient **D)** effervescent

6. Which word means belonging or native to a particular country or region?
A) indigenous **B)** ingenuous
C) inviolable **D)** innocuous

7. Which word means arousing sexual desire?
A) clandestine **B)** carnal
C) avaricious **D)** salacious

8. Which word means careful and persistent?
A) monotonous **B)** impetuous
C) assiduous **D)** incessant

9. Which pair of words is not synonymous?
A) antagonism, animosity
B) rudeness, rancor
C) malice, malevolence
D) antipathy, enmity

10. What is the proper pronunciation of poignant?
A) POY-int **B)** POYN-yint
C) POYG-nint **D)** POYN-int

11. In convocation, the prefix con- means _____.
A) together **B)** against
C) additional **D)** same

12. Which of the following is not characteristic of a tirade?
A) It is protracted. **B)** It is censorious.
C) It is enigmatic. **D)** It is vituperative.

13. What is the proper pronunciation of clandestine?
A) klan-DES-tyn **B)** klan-DES-teen
C) klan-DES-tin **D)** KLAN-des-tyn
E) KLAN-des-teen

14. Vocal, vocational, and evocative come from the Latin vocare, which means _____.
A) to call **B)** to speak
C) to feel **D)** to describe

15. Who wrote the classic guide, Modern English Usage?
A) Noah Webster
B) Theodore M. Bernstein
C) H. W. Fowler
D) Mark Twain

16. In which phrase is periphery used figuratively?
A) the periphery of experience
B) the periphery of town

17. What is the nadir?
A) the lowest point **B)** the highest point
C) the beginning **D)** the end

18. In modern usage, lucre usually implies _____.
A) a great fortune **B)** ill-gotten gains
C) a profitable venture

19. In which part of a newspaper are you most likely to come across words you can add to your vocabulary?
A) the sports section **B)** the society page
C) the editorial page **D)** the advice columns

20. Which of the following is least likely to make a person haggard?
A) working too hard **B)** eating too much
C) lack of sleep **D)** malnutrition

21. Improvident, prodigal, profligate, and spendthrift all mean _____.
A) foolish **B)** unlucky
C) poor **D)** wasteful

22. Which word is not a synonym of verbose?
A) prolix **B)** voluble
C) garrulous **D)** taciturn
E) loquacious

23. The phrase "a paragon of American ingenuity" would best describe which person?
A) Abraham Lincoln
B) Thomas Alva Edison
C) Ernest Hemingway
D) Martin Luther King, Jr.

24. What is the preferred pronunciation of -lived in short-lived and long-lived?
A) with a short i as in give
B) with a long i as in strive

25. Which of the following is a privative prefix meaning “not”?
A) sub- **B)** con- **C)** mis- **D)** in-

26. What is the traditional and proper pronunciation of assuage?
A) uh-SWAYZH **B)** uh-SWAYJ **C)** uh-SWAHZH

27. Three of the following words are related in meaning. Find the unrelated word:
A) investigate **B)** authenticate
C) corroborate **D)** substantiate

28. Which sentence illustrates the precise and proper use of comprise?
A) New York City comprises five boroughs.
B) New York City is comprised of five boroughs.

29. Which word properly refers to things experienced through the senses?
A) sensuous **B)** sensual

30. Cursory, course, curriculum, and courier all come from the Latin currere, which means _____.
A) to examine **B)** to deliver
C) to run **D)** to be steady

31. Enigmatic, cryptic, and equivocal are synonyms of which word?
A) reticent **B)** ambiguous
C) ambivalent **D)** tenuous

32. Which word is an antonym of cursory?
A) protracted **B)** haphazard
C) slapdash **D)** superficial

33. Someone who vacillates _____.
A) puts things off
B) is reluctant to speak
C) has difficulty making a decision
D) rushes ahead without thinking

34. Clement comes from a Latin word that means _____.
A) sweet **B)** friendly **C)** mild **D)** light

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