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Explanations

1. During Queen Elizabeth I's _____, England's role in the world changed dramatically.
✔ **C) reign**
A monarch's **reign** is the period when he or she rules: **during her reign**. Not **coronation**, which is only the ceremony of crowning, and not **monarchy**, which is the system of government.

2. I can't quite make out the _____ at the bottom of the manuscript.
✔ **C) signature**
A **signature** is a person's name written in their own hand at the end of a document. **Signing** is the act of writing it, not the name itself.

3. There is a memorial _____ in the church commemorating the soldiers who fell in the last war.
✔ **C) stone**
A **memorial stone** is a stone with words on it that helps people remember the dead. Not **grave**, because a grave is where a person is buried, not a monument for many soldiers.

4. The Second World War _____ in 1939.
✔ **B) broke out**
When a war, fire or disease suddenly starts, we say it **broke out**: **War broke out in 1939. Broke off** means stopped (talks, a relationship), and **broke up** means ended or separated.

5. You need a special _____ to go into this part of the castle.
✔ **D) permit**
A **permit** is an official document that allows you to do something, and it is countable: **a special permit**. **Permission** is uncountable, so **a special permission** is wrong.

6. The vase is definitely not _____; just a very good imitation.
✔ **B) genuine**
Genuine means really what it seems to be, not a copy or fake: **a genuine antique**. The word **imitation** is the clue. **Factual** and **true** describe information, not objects, and **actual** means existing in fact, not authentic.

7. The prince _____ power on the death of his father.
✔ **A) assumed**
To **assume power** means to take control or start to rule. Not **resumed**, which means started again after a pause; the prince had not ruled before.

8. The king had no _____ on any disloyal subject.
✔ **C) mercy**
The fixed phrase is **have mercy on** someone, meaning to be kind and not punish them. **Sympathy** and **forgiveness** are not used with **have ... on**.

9. The curator of the archives was most _____ and actually let me examine the ancient manuscript.
✔ **C) obliging**
Obliging means willing and happy to help: **The curator was most obliging.** The clue is that he **let me examine** the manuscript. **Gratifying** describes something that makes you pleased, not a helpful person.

10. The culture of _____ minorities living in any society must be respected.
✔ **C) racial**
Racial minorities is a common collocation for groups of people of a different race from most of the population. **Nationwide** means across a whole country and does not describe people, and **tribal** or **native** refer only to specific groups.

11. After the news of the victory, the people lit _____ in the streets and danced round them all night.
✔ **B) bonfires**
Bonfires are large outdoor fires lit to celebrate something, and people can dance round them. **Beacons** are fires or lights used as signals, usually on hills, not in streets.

12. Queen Elizabeth II _____ her father as reigning monarch in 1952.
✔ **C) succeeded**
To **succeed** someone means to take their position after them: **She succeeded her father.** Not **acceded**, which needs **to**: **she acceded to the throne**.

13. There are some very beautiful _____ glass windows in Canterbury Cathedral.
✔ **D) stained**
Stained glass is coloured glass used to make pictures in windows, especially in churches. It is a fixed expression.

14. The statue in the city square _____ the soldiers who lost their lives in WW II.
✔ **B) commemorates**
To **commemorate** means to honour and remember an important person or event, often with a statue or ceremony. Not **reminds**, which needs a person as object (**it reminds us of ...**), and not **remembers**, because a statue cannot remember.

15. Hamlet thought he saw his father's _____.
✔ **A) ghost**
A **ghost** is the spirit of a dead person that some people believe they can see. In Shakespeare's play, Hamlet sees the ghost of his dead father.

16. Lovers have _____ their names on this old statue for hundreds of years.
✔ **A) carved**
To **carve** means to cut letters or shapes into stone or wood: **carve your name on a tree**. **Chopped** means cut into pieces with an axe or knife.

17. Prof. Ancient is an authority on _____ architecture.
✔ **C) mediaeval**
Mediaeval (also spelled **medieval**) means from the Middle Ages. Not **middle-aged**, which describes a person aged about 45–60.

18. Claudius remained in _____ until the year 54 A.D.
✔ **C) power**
In power means ruling or in control of a country: **Claudius remained in power until AD 54. Energy**, **force** and **strength** do not form this phrase.

19. Ms Curious is doing _____ into the spread of Mesopotamian culture.
✔ **C) research**
We say **do research into** a subject. **Research** is uncountable, so it has no **a**. **A survey** or **a poll** asks many people questions, which does not suit ancient culture.

20. The _____ of the "Anna Maria" is only a few yards from the beach, and we swam out to it yesterday.
✔ **D) wreck**
A **wreck** is a ship that has been badly damaged or has sunk. **Remains** is plural and used for what is left of something, and **ruin** is used for buildings.

21. The ambassador presented his _____ to the Queen.
✔ **A) credentials**
An ambassador **presents his credentials**: official letters showing he represents his country.
References are letters about a person's character for a job.

22. The Union Jack is the national _____ of the United Kingdom.
✔ **B) flag**
The **Union Jack** is the name of the UK's **flag**. A **motto** is a short phrase, and a **standard** is a special flag of a ruler or army unit, not the national flag.

23. Archaeologists are going to _____ that site in the hope of finding Roman remains.
✔ **B) excavate**
To **excavate** means to dig carefully in the ground to find old objects. Not **exhume**, which means to dig up a dead body, and not **explore**, which means to travel around a place to learn about it.

24. In a multi-racial society, it is important to preserve the _____ culture of its members.
✔ **B) ethnic**
Ethnic describes a group of people who share a culture, traditions or origin: **ethnic culture**. The clue is **multi-racial society**. Not **national**, because the members come from different backgrounds.

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