



Sample Test

Select the **best** word or phrase that defines or describes the **underlined** word.

1. a reliable car
 - A) second hand
 - B) cheap
 - C) safe
 - D) dependable
2. defer to her wishes
 - A) yield
 - B) make good
 - C) express
 - D) grant
3. occlusion in the artery
 - A) fat deposit
 - B) dark blood
 - C) isolation
 - D) blockage
4. an unusual consequence
 - A) outlook
 - B) choice
 - C) attribute
 - D) result
5. career in pathology
 - A) study of the mind
 - B) study of paths
 - C) study of disease
 - D) study of criminals
6. edit forms
 - A) order
 - B) revise and correct
 - C) write
7. sequester a group
 - A) join
 - B) influence
 - C) pressure
 - D) isolate
8. empathy for others
 - A) telepathy
 - B) passion
 - C) dislike
 - D) sensitivity
9. illegible script
 - A) implied
 - B) unreadable
 - C) meaningless
 - D) unwarranted
10. a vindictive spirit
 - A) vengeful
 - B) winning
 - C) truthful
 - D) strong
11. a literary genre
 - A) genius
 - B) masterpiece
 - C) type or style
 - D) imagination
12. liable for damages
 - A) on trial
 - B) accused
 - C) responsible
 - D) dependable
13. a fertile field
 - A) dark soil
 - B) barren
 - C) strawberry
 - D) capable of producing
14. abdicate her position
 - A) change
 - B) to be fired from
 - C) to give up
 - D) to defend
15. illogical directions
 - A) senseless
 - B) unreadable
 - C) lacking wit
 - D) inaccurate
16. tear a ligament
 - A) special envelope
 - B) tendon
 - C) nose cartilage
 - D) band of connective tissue
17. infer correctly
 - A) make a conclusion
 - B) ask a good question
 - C) transfer information
 - D) make a correction
18. exclusive group
 - A) fancy
 - B) restricted
 - C) expensive
 - D) secretive
19. obsequious in nature
 - A) obnoxious
 - B) flattering
 - C) generous
 - D) selfish
20. an apathetic attitude
 - A) caring
 - B) rotten
 - C) optimistic
 - D) indifferent

21. guilty of circumlocution

- A) talking too much
- B) going around the truth
- C) forgetting appointments
- D) being too cautious

22. protract the trial

- A) postpone
- B) draw out or extend
- C) cancel
- D) publicize

23. a retrograde movement

- A) fashion
- B) satellite
- C) fast forward
- D) backwards

24. accused of gerrymandering

- A) cheating on a spouse
- B) dividing a voting area
- C) spending money illegally
- D) miscounting ballots

25. acrimonious relations

- A) peaceful or loving
- B) harsh or biting
- C) forced or pressured
- D) insincere or fake

26. effusive thanks

- A) unemotional
- B) unexpected
- C) spiritual
- D) emotional outpouring

27. implicate your boss

- A) imitate
- B) criticize
- C) involve
- D) make fun of

28. temperature subsided

- A) went down
- B) went up
- C) stayed the same
- D) none of the above

29. circumvent the truth

- A) to make up
- B) to tell completely
- C) to destroy
- D) to get around or avoid

30. retraction of a statement

- A) publication
- B) repetition
- C) interruption
- D) withdrawal

31. digress from the subject

- A) benefit
- B) be harmed by
- C) to turn aside
- D) be moved

32. vote to impeach

- A) charge with misconduct
- B) send to jail
- C) tar and feather someone
- D) sue in a court of law

33. with great acumen

- A) care
- B) cleverness
- C) humility
- D) dryness

34. refund the money

- A) give back
- B) pay up
- C) withhold
- D) save

35. counted his transgressions

- A) blessings
- B) girlfriends
- C) wrongdoings
- D) worries

36. implicit agreements

- A) legally sound
- B) implied
- C) openly stated
- D) agreed upon

37. a circumspect person

- A) neat and clean
- B) round looking
- C) cautious
- D) careless

38. an insidious disease

- A) widespread
- B) meaningless
- C) gradual and negative
- D) contagious

39. a welcome distraction

- A) invitation
- B) thought
- C) suggestion
- D) interruption

40. xenophobic comments

- A) anti-foreigner
- B) anti-animal rights
- C) anti-republican
- D) anti-princess warrior

Read the following selection, and choose the best answer to each question below:

The California condors that were reintroduced to the wild are getting a bit too friendly at the Grand Canyon. Instead of soaring high above the limestone cliffs, many are frightening tourists by flying down into parking lots in search of food handouts. The bald-headed gray condor is North America's largest bird with wingspans up to nine feet. Three years ago, six condors were brought to cliffs near the Grand Canyon to start replacing these giant birds on the brink of extinction. Now, about fifteen of them, mostly adolescents, are mixing with humans because they are naturally curious and have no adult condors to show them how to behave. To keep man and condor apart, authorities plan on closing lookout points and trails whenever the birds come into view, making people stay 300 feet away from the birds if condors land, and having people scream and flap their arms to scare the condors away. They predict that, over time, the condors will learn to stay away.

41. The condors in the Grand Canyon:
- A) are scaring people
 - B) are naturally curious
 - C) have wingspans up to nine feet
 - D) all of the above
42. The authorities are doing everything to keep condors away from man *except*:
- A) making people stay 300 feet away
 - B) yelling and waving arms at the birds
 - C) not letting people into the park
 - D) closing lookout points and trails
43. The young condors are mixing with human beings because:
- A) they are naturally curious and have no adult birds to show them how to behave
 - B) humans are curious and call the birds down to the parking lots
 - C) the cliffs are a hostile environment to young condors
 - D) they nest in the parking lots
44. The tone of this reading is:
- A) angry
 - B) informative
 - C) persuasive
 - D) humorous

Choose the answer that is the most effective substitute for each underlined part of the sentence. If no substitute is necessary, choose "Leave as is."

45. My gregarious grandmother flies south to Santa Barbara each year for the winter.
A) flies South to Santa Barbara each year for the winter.
B) flies south to Santa Barbara each year for the Winter.
C) flies South to Santa Barbara each year for the Winter.
D) Leave as is.
46. I learned that burundi, located in east Africa, is not governed by a meritocracy.
A) burundi, located in East Africa,
B) Burundi, located in east africa,
C) Burundi, located in East Africa,
D) Leave as is.
47. If you are hypoglycemic you should eat frequently.
A) you are hypoglycemic, so you should
B) you are hypoglycemic, you should
C) you are hypoglycemic; you should
D) Leave as is.
48. A bureaucrat in the traffic office have stamped all the papers involved parking tickets.
A) has stamped all the papers involved
B) has stamped all the papers involving
C) have stamped all the papers involving
D) Leave as is.
49. The congregation, a high spirited group, clapped, sang and danced.
A) congregation, a high spirited group clapped, sang, and
B) congregation a high spirited group, clapped, sang, and
C) congregation, a high spirited group, clapped, sang, and
D) Leave as is.
50. There is an insidious odor coming from the kitchen, Mark told his brother.
A) "There is an insidious odor coming from the kitchen," Mark
B) "There is an insidious odor coming from the kitchen, Mark"
C) "There is an insidious odor coming from the kitchen", Mark
D) Leave as is.

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