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TOEFL VOCABULARY TEST 1

1. Hailey's Comet, the first comet to be identified as periodic, is clearly visible to the **naked** eye when it approaches the Sun, roughly every 76 years.

- (A) wary
- (B) nude
- (C) unaided
- (D) discerning

2. All severe thunderstorms are potential tornado producers, but a severe thunderstorm watch alone does not mean that a tornado is **imminent**.

- (A) impending
- (B) eminent
- (C) hesitant
- (D) far away

3. The United States **boycotted** the 1980 Moscow Olympics in protest of the former Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan the previous year.

- (A) pervaded
- (B) blackmailed
- (C) shunned
- (D) sabotaged

4. Excessive nutrients introduced into a lake can considerably **accelerate** the process of its eutrophication.

- (A) ameliorate
- (B) speed up
- (C) alleviate
- (D) slow down

5. **Prior to** the opening of the Saint Lawrence Seaway in the late 1950s, the

Port of Saint John functioned as the winter port for Montreal, Quebec.

- (A) Before
- (B) As a result of
- (C) In the midst of
- (D) During

6. Although all countries of the world are **eligible** to participate in the World Cup soccer tournament, most of them are eliminated in the earlier rounds.

- (A) elicited
- (B) enforced
- (C) expected
- (D) entitled

7. Widely considered the greatest scientist of the twentieth century, Albert Einstein showed keen **interest** in science and nature at an early age, but seemed to have only a **mediocre** aptitude for schoolwork, with the exception of mathematics.

- (A) ordinary
- (B) superb
- (C) negligible
- (D) moronic

8. The average life expectancy of human beings has increased **markedly** since the last century, thus resulting in the rapid growth of the elderly population.

- (A) consistently
- (B) unexpectedly
- (C) gradually
- (D) noticeably

9. A recession is officially defined as two **successive** quarters of economic contraction.

- (A) interrupted
- (B) declining
- (C) pessimistic
- (D) consecutive

10. Health officials are concerned that the campaign to encourage condom use to **curb** the spread of AIDS may be misunderstood, creating a false sense of security in people whose behavior continues to put them in danger.

- (A) foster
- (B) detect
- (C) prolong
- (D) inhibit

11. While the Hoover Dam was constructed **primarily** for the people living within the Colorado River Basin, its completion has also brought substantial benefits to adjoining areas.

- (A) occasionally
- (B) cautiously
- (C) consistently
- (D) chiefly

12. In 1903, the sonnet *The New Colossus* by poet Emma Lazarus was inscribed in bronze on the **pedestal** of the Statue of Liberty, enhancing the statue's image as a symbol of freedom and opportunity.

- (A) interior
- (B) base
- (C) torch
- (D) replica

13. Alcohol is a **toxic** substance that can harm almost any system or organ of the body, and is related to more than 60 different disorders with short- and long-term consequences.

- (A) spastic
- (B) elastic
- (C) poisonous
- (D) organic

14. In recent years biologists have made great breakthroughs in **deciphering** the genetic structure of human cells.

- (A) deforming
- (B) destroying
- (C) devising
- (D) decoding

15. The Great Depression of the 1930s brought hard times to West Virginia, but with US involvement in World War II in 1941, the state's mining and manufacturing **boomed** again in support of the war.

- (A) declined
- (B) stabilized
- (C) fluctuated
- (D) flourished

16. Bats are the only mammals capable of **genuine** flight and they are excellent nocturnal predators that usually locate their prey by echolocation.

- (A) supersonic
- (B) long-distance
- (C) true
- (D) high-speed

17. Gold is so **malleable** that one ounce of the metal can be drawn into a wire fifty miles long or hammered into a sheet covering nearly a hundred square feet.

- (A) easy to manufacture

- (B) readily available
- (C) pliable
- (D) buoyant

18. Tax **rebates** can help redistribute existing wealth and boost the economy of impoverished areas in the developing countries.

- (A) accountants
- (B) penalties
- (C) refunds
- (D) credits

19. Viagra, a renowned oral medication for male impotence or erectile dysfunction, may have derived its brand name from two **notions**, vigor and Niagara, implying that the remedy will probably help a man create the imposing power of the "Viagra Falls."

- (A) concepts
- (B) tricks
- (C) benefits
- (D) techniques

20. Teak, a timber mainly grown in Southeast Asia, is an oily hardwood with an ability to **withstand** insects, rotting, cracking, or shrinkage.

- (A) wipe out
- (B) resist
- (C) ensure
- (D) defend

21. When **menaced** by a predator in close proximity, a flying insect may suddenly flash its wings, displaying a pattern resembling a giant pair of eyes to confuse the predator.

- (A) threatened
- (B) frightened
- (C) wounded

(D) trapped

22. The emergence of jetliners in the early 1950s heralded an era of large-capacity commercial jet transportation and the explosion of long-distance air travel in the 1960s and 1970s.

- (A) witnessed
- (B) interrupted
- (C) announced
- (D) resulted in

23. Antimony is a brittle, silver-white metal used as an alloy with lead in manufacturing batteries, making it more resistant to acid.

- (A) petrified
- (B) dense
- (C) breakable
- (D) sparkling

24. By late autumn the forested hillsides in the New England region are ablaze with spectacular autumn foliage accompanied by clusters of small white flowers and bright red berries.

- (A) weather
- (B) leaves
- (C) festivals
- (D) harvest

25. According to a recent satellite-tracking experiment of the reptile, crocodiles are far from being lethargic and lazy creatures because many travel hundreds of miles to return home.

- (A) cozy
- (B) exultant
- (C) stationary
- (D) sluggish

26. The first great **outburst** of colonial indignation came during the Stamp Act crisis in 1765, during which the cry of "no taxation without representation" was first heard.

- (A) surge
- (B) strike
- (C) outcome
- (D) performance

27. Henry Thoreau spent his last years revising and editing his unpublished works until he became too weak to continue and his friends were alarmed at his diminished appearance and were fascinated by his **tranquil** acceptance of death.

- (A) unwilling
- (B) serene
- (C) isolated
- (D) snobbish

28. Members of the European Union are conducting a vigorous campaign to **harness** the Sun's energy to beat global warming.

- (A) acknowledge
- (B) harass
- (C) make use of
- (D) pollute

29. If a cell reproduces by binary fission, the cell's nucleus is split into two new cells of **approximately** equal size as the result of parent cell division.

- (A) doubly
- (B) typically
- (C) solidly
- (D) roughly

30. In 1961, World Relief's former chairman, C. N. Hostetter, Jr., served

as a member of President Kennedy's "Food for Peace" committee to help distribute more food to **destitute** regions of the world.

- (A) impoverished
- (B) turbulent
- (C) frigid
- (D) exploited

31. According to the National Academy of Sciences, the Earth's surface temperature has risen **drastically** over the past century.

- (A) virtually
- (B) radically
- (C) primarily
- (D) moderately

32. The Japanese architect Tadao Ando's buildings are known for the incorporation of natural elements, such as light, water, and wind, to create heating, cooling, and **ventilation** effects.

- (A) irrigation
- (B) air circulation
- (C) security
- (D) air conditioning

33. While nuclear weapons are being made smaller and more like conventional weapons in their narrow radius of impact, **conventional** weapons are being made larger and more like nuclear weapons in their indiscriminate capacity for destruction.

- (A) complex
- (B) traditional
- (C) sophisticated
- (D) comprehensive

34. Pollutants from incinerators such as dioxins, mercury, and lead can **undermine** the immune system, leaving the patient susceptible to other

infections and illnesses.

- (A) confound
- (B) fortify
- (C) modify
- (D) wear away

35. Unlike magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and computed tomography (CT) scans, which **reveal** the structure of organs, a PET scan shows how organs and tissues are functioning.

- (A) conceal
- (B) arrange
- (C) disclose
- (D) photograph

36. The Concorde, starting passenger service traveling at twice the speed of conventional aircraft in 1976, boasted a triumph of innovation and today still enjoys an **unparalleled** place in history.

- (A) unrelenting
- (B) tenacious
- (C) notorious
- (D) unrivaled

37. Environmental health practitioners help ensure that the **vulnerable** areas of our environment are protected from accidental or intentional contamination.

- (A) deprived
- (B) promising
- (C) densely populated
- (D) susceptible

38. Wild cranberries tend to have an even more **acrid** flavor than do cultivated species.

- (A) refined
- (B) satisfying
- (C) bitter
- (D) recognizable

39. On April 15, 1912, Margaret Brown made a **gallant** attempt to load other Titanic survivors into lifeboats and assisted them on the rescue ship *Carpathia*.

- (A) vicious
- (B) pertinent
- (C) obedient
- (D) valiant

40. Geysers are hot springs that **intermittently** emit hot water and steam into the air with tremendous force.

- (A) steadily
- (B) abundantly
- (C) periodically
- (D) furiously

41. Improper treatment of toxic chemicals, radioactive materials, and hazardous wastes may **jeopardize** public health and the surrounding ecosystem.

- (A) enhance
- (B) penalize
- (C) rejuvenate
- (D) endanger

42. Hibernation is a state of inactivity and metabolic depression which enables some animals to conserve energy and **survive** the winter when food is scarce.

- (A) prepare for
- (B) wait for

- (C) persist through
- (D) miss

43. Through time reptiles have evolved into unique forms, such as snakes, lizards, turtles, and crocodiles, to achieve efficient **locomotion** over different terrains.

- (A) metabolism
- (B) movement
- (C) survival
- (D) combustion

44. A GPS receiver, or GPS sensor, is able to determine its position and velocity **relative to** the earth's surface by calculating the amount of time it takes for signals from different GPS satellites to reach the receiver.

- (A) on top of
- (B) next to
- (C) in spite of
- (D) with respect to

45. When glaciers **thawed** at the end of the last Ice Age, the Great Lakes of North America were formed.

- (A) advanced
- (B) evaporated
- (C) exploded
- (D) melted

46. Well-trained entertainers must demonstrate the ability to **improvise** when they forget or run out of rehearsed material.

- (A) invent on the spot
- (B) imitate others
- (C) pretend to be shocked
- (D) control their emotions

47. Cancer cells **proliferate** more rapidly than do normal cells, and as a result they require more energy and are more sensitive to damage from radiation therapy.

- (A) shrink
- (B) multiply
- (C) adapt
- (D) heal

48. For more than two centuries, economic opportunity and the prospect of upward mobility have formed the **bedrock** on which the American dream is based.

- (A) assumption
- (B) procedure
- (C) evidence
- (D) basis

49. Products of informatics research are **ubiquitous** in modern life, from online banking to mobile phones and iPods.

- (A) nocturnal
- (B) endangered
- (C) widespread
- (D) omnivorous

50. In 1912, both massive structural damage arising from a lethal iceberg collision and **consternation** among the passengers aboard the Titanic caused more than 1,500 casualties.

- (A) disability
- (B) deliberation
- (C) dismay
- (D) distaste

TOEFL VOCABULARY TEST 2

1. According to the estimation of the US National Safety Council, more than 30 million personal computers become **obsolete** annually, and the number is expected to jump to 80 million by the year 2012.

- (A) dilapidated
- (B) extinct
- (C) infected
- (D) out-of-date

2. **Contrary to** popular belief, the ostrich will not bury its head in the sand when cornered.

- (A) Similar
- (B) Indifferent
- (C) Opposite
- (D) Compared

3. Once the customer has signed the authorization slip at the point of sale, the check is no longer a **negotiable** instrument and must be stamped "VOID."

- (A) deniable
- (B) feasible
- (C) transferable
- (D) negligible

4. The rapid development of **state-of-the-art** techniques in biotechnology has made gene therapy a highly potential new alternative for the treatment of cardiovascular diseases.

- (A) curative
- (B) humane
- (C) promising
- (D) cutting-edge

5. The ecosystem on our planet is constantly changing because some species become **extinct** every day while new species are being discovered.

- (A) are wiped out
- (B) get prosperous
- (C) become overpopulated
- (D) remain instinctive

6. The expenditures on the purchase of the Louisiana Territory from France in 1803 **amounted** to \$15 million.

- (A) totaled
- (B) soared to
- (C) diminished to
- (D) depleted

7. The distribution of life in all parts of the ocean is not entirely equal because some oceans are teeming with a wide diversity while others are sparse and seemingly **inhospitable**.

- (A) amiable
- (B) hospitalized
- (C) innumerable
- (D) unfavorable to life or growth

8. Even though the term “generation gap” is a **relatively** recent coinage in the late 1960s and early 1970s, the lack of harmony between parents and children is hardly a new phenomenon.

- (A) essentially
- (B) surprisingly
- (C) functionally
- (D) comparatively

9. In some parts of Central America, cacao beans were used as **currency** as recently as the 1840s.

- (A) money
- (B) sustenance
- (C) recipes
- (D) seasoning

10. The involuntary muscles are muscles that the body can't control, whereas the voluntary muscles can be **deliberately** controlled and manipulated by the body.

- (A) wholly
- (B) noticeably
- (C) intentionally
- (D) absolutely

11. The cougar is one of the most invisible animals that **dwell** in the forest.

- (A) reside
- (B) breed
- (C) feed
- (D) mature

12. Mark Twain, an inveterate cigar smoker, once humorously **remarked** that quitting smoking was so easy that he had done it hundreds of times.

- (A) commented
- (B) ridiculed
- (C) bragged
- (D) exaggerated

13. The Hotel Monaco offers the finest **accommodations** in San Francisco, including 201 exquisitely decorated guest rooms and 24 luxury suites.

- (A) facilities
- (B) lodgings
- (C) services
- (D) gourmet foods

14. Elizabeth Blackwell, the first female doctor of the US and of modern times, pursued advanced surgical training in Paris, but eventually **abandoned** the idea of becoming a surgeon due to a severe eye infection.

- (A) executed
- (B) postponed
- (C) suspended
- (D) gave up

15. Pathologists warn that the relatively weak immune systems of infants make them particularly **susceptible** to the effects of melamine contamination.

- (A) vulnerable
- (B) allergic
- (C) resistant
- (D) compatible

16. Nearly 90 percent of known insect species undergo complete metamorphosis, which consists of four distinct developmental **stages**: egg, larva, pupa, and adult.

- (A) districts
- (B) layers
- (C) roles
- (D) phases

17. Microsoft has **repeatedly** emphasized that the takeover of Yahoo was intended to break Google's thoroughgoing dominance in Internet searches and online advertising.

- (A) recurrently
- (B) sporadically
- (C) spontaneously
- (D) briefly

18. While experts declare that most moles are **benign**, the National Cancer Institute asserts that melanoma is the most serious type of skin cancer with more than 53,600 new cases reported yearly in the United States.

- (A) immune
- (B) harmless
- (C) mutant
- (D) intangible

19. In 1796, Edward Jenner, an English physician who **pioneered** vaccination, accidentally discovered that milkmaids who contracted a much milder cowpox virus were immune to smallpox.

- (A) benefited from
- (B) optimized
- (C) proliferated
- (D) led the way in

20. Tropical cyclones, formed over warm tropical oceans, usually move toward the west with the flow of the trade winds during their **formative** stages.

- (A) tranquil
- (B) developmental
- (C) critical
- (D) essential

21. Research indicates that the ownership of **assets** can influence the way one thinks and feels, the way one is regarded by others, and the way one views the future.

- (A) liability
- (B) property
- (C) legal documents
- (D) stocks

22. California laurel, an evergreen Pacific coast tree with aromatic foliage,

yields a hard, **tough** wood valued for use in fine woodwork.

- (A) durable
- (B) rough
- (C) flexible
- (D) bulky

23. A caring organization and a **considerate** leader are important factors in reducing workplace stress.

- (A) bleak
- (B) tolerant
- (C) feeble
- (D) thoughtful

24. During the past decade, General Motors Corp, the largest US automaker, has faced many large-scale **walkouts** against local plants, some of which are among the most expensive labor conflicts in the United States.

- (A) turmoils
- (B) strikes
- (C) outings
- (D) committees

25. Every August many thousands of **fanatic** Harley-Davidson riders attend the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in South Dakota.

- (A) athletic
- (B) extremely enthusiastic
- (C) fantastic
- (D) amicable

26. It seems unlikely that the major industrialized nations, as represented by the G8 Summit, will be able to establish a framework to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to the extent necessary to **decelerate** the impact of global warming.

- (A) slow down
- (B) expedite
- (C) propel
- (D) aggregate

27. Globalization has a **profound** effect on issues ranging from the global economy to the environment and the migration of peoples.

- (A) far-reaching
- (B) provocative
- (C) mediocre
- (D) extreme

28. Unlike for diamonds, there is no **universally** accepted standard for grading the color of gemstones or pearls.

- (A) formally
- (B) commonly
- (C) permanently
- (D) satisfactorily

29. Around the 1960s, when US businessmen saw a chance to take over the role of declining towns as market and entertainment centers, they began to build **mammoth** shopping malls.

- (A) modem
- (B) numerous
- (C) gigantic
- (D) separate

30. In the middle of the 18th century, artists in England and France became **intensely** concerned with reviving aspects of the culture of ancient Greece and Rome.

- (A) deeply
- (B) sparsely

- (C) unreasonably
- (D) unexpectedly

31. On March 1, 2005, the US Supreme Court abolished the death penalty for persons who were **juveniles** when they committed their crimes.

- (A) adolescents
- (B) insane
- (C) foreigners
- (D) sports fans

32. The term soft drink was originated to **distinguish** nonalcoholic beverages from hard liquor, or spirits.

- (A) eradicate
- (B) formulate
- (C) differentiate
- (D) eliminate

33. As a discipline, psychology **spans** the natural and social sciences and is based on rigorous scientific analysis and methodologies.

- (A) impacts
- (B) encompasses
- (C) contradicts
- (D) is derived from

34. Most countries today are **acutely** aware of the unfavorable effects of global warming on the average temperature of the earth's atmosphere and its oceans.

- (A) vaguely
- (B) increasingly
- (C) keenly
- (D) tentatively

35. The watermelon is a **succulent** fruit of the gourd family, native to

tropical Africa; but under cultivation it may grow on every continent except Antarctica.

- (A) dehydrated
- (B) juicy
- (C) exquisite
- (D) nutritious

36. CFCs and other substances that deplete the ozone layer are commonly referred to as ozone-depleting substances.

- (A) associated with
- (B) depicted as
- (C) thought of as
- (D) called

37. Woodrow Wilson, the president who led the United States through World War I, served two consecutive terms in the White House, from 1913 to 1921.

- (A) successive
- (B) prolonged
- (C) elected
- (D) foremost

38. Geometric designs, bold colors, and the use of plastic and glass can be placed within the category of Art Deco.

- (A) group
- (B) syndrome
- (C) symptom
- (D) context

39. Researchers from the University of Birmingham concluded that the British jury system tends to be more lenient to defendants from minority backgrounds than to those from other social groups.

- (A) intact
- (B) merciful
- (C) compatible
- (D) malleable

40. The major distinction between unlawful spyware and legitimate software is simply user Knowledge and consent because many spyware applications also include useful functions.

- (A) legal
- (B) legible
- (C) infamous
- (D) optimal

41. Although many modifications have been made since his initial studies, Sir John Chamley's research has been crucial for the development of innovative knee and shoulder replacement surgery.

- (A) demands
- (B) changes
- (C) benchmarks
- (D) imitations

42. Protein is found in abundance in meat, dairy products, and legumes.

- (A) at random
- (B) at high speed
- (C) as a whole
- (D) in large amounts

43. Experts in lead poisoning prevention suggested that fingernails should be clipped regularly, preferably on a weekly basis.

- (A) disinfected
- (B) treated
- (C) trimmed
- (D) cleaned

44. Carbon dioxide is a chemical **compound** composed of one carbon and two oxygen atoms.

- (A) agent
- (B) formula
- (C) residue
- (D) combination

45. The most abundant **concentrations** of iron ore are commonly found in the sedimentary deposits of the Earth's crust.

- (A) consumptions
- (B) accumulations
- (C) adaptations
- (D) productions

46. The **sensation** of smell arises from the stimulation of olfactory sensory cells by the odorant molecules.

- (A) explanation
- (B) motion
- (C) perception
- (D) unpleasantness

47. Even **infinitesimal** amounts of dioxin in the human body can cause serious, irreversible damage to the immune system.

- (A) prescribed
- (B) minute
- (C) moderate
- (D) restricted

48. Prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, US civilian and military officials had begun to mistrust the national **allegiance** of the American-born Japanese on the Pacific Coast of the American continent and in Hawaii.

- (A) loyalty
- (B) destination
- (C) census
- (D) identity

49. In addition to improving physical fitness and overall quality of life, aerobic exercise also plays a significant role in the **rehabilitation** of patients with various back ailments.

- (A) operation
- (B) recovery
- (C) hibernation
- (D) relaxation

50. Caffeine is a relatively **innocuous** alkaloid that is often used in medicine chiefly as a mild stimulant and to treat certain kinds of headache.

- (A) harmless
- (B) harmonious
- (C) beneficial
- (D) satisfactory

TOEFL VOCABULARY TEST 3

1. With the rapid pace of globalization and the continued growth of multinational corporations, increasing numbers of Americans are living and working **abroad**.

- (A) nearby
- (B) overseas
- (C) on the borders
- (D) in remote areas

2. With the exception of Native and African Americans, nearly all Americans and their ancestors came to America to seek a better life — to escape persecution, to avert **famine**, to join relatives — and to pursue the American dream.

- (A) hunger
- (B) conflict
- (C) violence
- (D) reunion

3. In the 1980s, US airlines started to concentrate their operations on an airline **hub** as a transfer point in order to maximize profits.

- (A) joint
- (B) intersection
- (C) center
- (D) gateway

4. Many developing countries are depleting their natural resources, and their total production is too **meager** to support the growing population and subsequent famines that result from this depletion.

- (A) scanty
- (B) steady
- (C) ample

(D) desolate

5. If all the rainforests were ruthlessly destroyed there would be nearly 40% less oxygen in the atmosphere, which means that the CO₂ levels would increase much higher and thus the inhabitants on the planet would be endangered.

(A) mercilessly

(B) privately

(C) artfully

(D) gradually

6. The computer is a versatile tool for many applications ranging from simple calculation to sophisticated control of large-scale process plants.

(A) variable

(B) durable

(C) inflammable

(D) multifunctional

7. While studying obstetrics in Paris, Elizabeth Blackwell contracted a serious eye infection, which resulted in the loss of her left eye.

(A) recovered from

(B) came down with

(C) was hospitalized for

(D) received treatment for

8. The distinction between "overweight" and "obese" is often very blurred because many people who are overweight are also obese.

(A) publicly denounced

(B) upwardly mobile

(C) privately criticized

(D) extremely fat

9. All merchandise imported into the United States must be cleared

through US Customs and may be subject to random inspection prior to release.

- (A) disposable blades
- (B) commercial goods
- (C) immigrants to the West
- (D) circus shows

10. A food allergy is an **adverse** reaction by the body's immune system to an allergen in a specific food or ingredient — usually a protein.

- (A) progressive
- (B) negative
- (C) routine
- (D) lethargic

11. The **barren** soil of the Badlands National Park, South Dakota, provides practically no nutrients to the vegetation and wildlife in this area.

- (A) sterilized
- (B) infertile
- (C) untouched
- (D) frozen

12. Snakes use their **venom** to paralyze, and in some cases, digest their prey, which consists mainly of rodents, frogs, birds, and smaller snakes.

- (A) rattles
- (B) teeth
- (C) saliva
- (D) poison

13. Late adolescence, roughly between 17 and 20 years, is characterized by aspirations for the future, including planning a successful career and building **intimate** relationships that are more adult-like.

- (A) close

- (B) eternal
- (C) mutual
- (D) charismatic

14. The global campaign to **eradicate** smallpox ended successfully in 1980, creating one of the greatest achievements of modern medicine and global public health.

- (A) wipe out
- (B) carefully disguise
- (C) sustain
- (D) cultivate

15. The availability of supercomputers makes it **feasible** to complete immense amounts of calculations in just a few seconds.

- (A) plausible
- (B) indispensable
- (C) legitimate
- (D) practicable

16. Although a recession is usually characterized by at least two consecutive quarters of **declining** Gross Domestic Product, or GDP, this is not a fixed rule.

- (A) fluctuating
- (B) impending
- (C) falling
- (D) skyrocketing

17. Once the check is approved by the check writer's bank, the customer signs the authorization slip to complete the **transaction**, just like signing a credit card receipt.

- (A) application form
- (B) conveyance
- (C) procedure

(D) business deal

18. In 1986 the US Congress passed a law requiring that all states participating in Daylight Saving Time **simultaneously** advance their clocks one hour ahead on the last Sunday of April.

- (A) arbitrarily
- (B) permanently
- (C) synchronously
- (D) temporarily

19. One of the most **sensational** criminal cases in American history was the fatal kidnapping of Charles Lindbergh's baby boy in 1932.

- (A) exciting
- (B) distracting
- (C) enigmatic
- (D) ostentatious

20. During the 2003 Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) outbreak, 774 people were killed around the world and thousands of people were **quarantined**, triggering a global health crisis.

- (A) contaminated
- (B) interviewed by mass media
- (C) imprisoned
- (D) isolated for disease prevention

21. Organic farming aims to produce healthful, high value-added crops from a balanced living soil, without relying on **artificial** fertilizers and pesticides.

- (A) insulating
- (B) synthetic
- (C) unadorned
- (D) complex

22. Unlike normal cells, cancer cells **in general** do not respond to the normal growth control mechanisms due to mutations in their genetic material that alter their patterns of RNA transcription and protein expression.

- (A) usually
- (B) strictly
- (C) everywhere
- (D) by definition

23. Super glue is a gelatinous adhesive substance used to form a strong surface attachment between discrete materials and **bind** them in just a few seconds.

- (A) join
- (B) bend
- (C) repair
- (D) dissolve

24. Psychiatrists generally believe that **eccentric** behavior results from persistent emotional imbalance for a long period of time.

- (A) circular
- (B) conservative
- (C) humorous
- (D) strange

25. Financial consultants admit that the value of high-tech stocks is **inherently** risky because of the many unpredictable variables that affect stock prices.

- (A) relatively
- (B) intrinsically
- (C) sporadically
- (D) incrementally

26. Tax withholding refers to the portion of an employee's wages that are

withheld by an employer for remittance to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

- (A) borrowed
- (B) retained
- (C) guaranteed
- (D) paid

27. According to a research report of the National Academy of Sciences, global warming has had a more devastating impact on coral reefs than previously believed.

- (A) typically
- (B) dubiously
- (C) frequently
- (D) earlier

28. Lacking modern refrigeration, the settlers on the Western frontier resorted to a variety of means for preserving perishable foods.

- (A) transporting
- (B) keeping
- (C) reusing
- (D) labeling

29. In the 1970s, a revived feminist movement blossomed in the United States.

- (A) fluctuated
- (B) flourished
- (C) went unrewarded
- (D) was undermined

30. Acetic acid is a clear, colorless, corrosive liquid with a penetrating odor.

- (A) ambrosial

- (B) musty
- (C) pungent
- (D) incredible

31. Not only does Yuri Possokhov never disappoint his audiences, but he is also widely **lauded** as the world's most creative choreographer of his generation.

- (A) compensated
- (B) defamed
- (C) given preference
- (D) praised

32. With the advent of the Internet Age, computer users are all busy fighting a **deluge** of annoying spam, viruses, and spyware every day.

- (A) chaos
- (B) dagger
- (C) oasis
- (D) flood

33. There are more than thirty volunteer trail-maintaining **clubs** associated with the Appalachian Trail.

- (A) associations
- (B) lumberjacks
- (C) charities
- (D) rangers

34. Greenpeace attempts to expose global environmental problems and force solutions for a green and peaceful future using non-violent, creative confrontations through the efforts of all its **dedicated** members.

- (A) committed
- (B) tenacious
- (C) compassionate
- (D) composed

35. Astronomers have put forward the idea that the matter in the universe is constantly coming together to form small "moonlets" and that such aggregations are then breaking up again in a perpetual recycling process.

- (A) hospitable
- (B) annual
- (C) continual
- (D) habitual

36. Over the past decades, great efforts have been made to bring consensus among the UN member nations for global disarmament based on the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

- (A) controversy
- (B) conflicts
- (C) negotiation
- (D) agreement

37. As some TV commercials imply, communicative tools with wires are becoming outmoded and valueless to many users, and are losing ground to portable technologies, such as laptop computers, wireless Internet connections, PDAs, and cell phone text and picture messaging.

- (A) narrow
- (B) obsolete
- (C) illegal
- (D) concrete

38. The initial form of online advertisement was the banner, similar to the traditional printed advertisements.

- (A) calmest
- (B) hardest
- (C) original
- (D) finest

39. Porcupines, raccoons, and skunks are **nocturnal** predators which rely more on their olfactory and auditory senses to locate prey than on their vision.

- (A) ferocious
- (B) sluggish
- (C) solitary
- (D) nighttime

40. In the 1960s, American television **hesitantly** began to show birth as part of its educational programming, first in side-views only, later with a few head-on shots.

- (A) graciously
- (B) somberly
- (C) reluctantly
- (D) belatedly

41. If the predictions made by the World Health Organization are **correct**, in the year 2015, more than two billion people will be overweight and 600 million will be obese, representing immense opportunities for both markets.

- (A) possible
- (B) adaptable
- (C) current
- (D) accurate

42. **Legible** handwriting is necessary for children to carry out many academic activities, and difficulties with handwriting can interfere with related writing processes such as planning and generating ideas.

- (A) Indistinct
- (B) Indiscernible
- (C) Readable
- (D) Indiscriminate

43. All risks and factors should be **taken into account** in evaluating the outcome of cloning a human being, using asexual reproduction in which the new organism inherits the genetic characteristics from the parent who donated the cell.

- (A) enumerated
- (B) stabilized
- (C) contrasted
- (D) considered

44. Of all the threats to human civilization, weapons of mass destruction (WMD) are especially **abhorrent** to the conscience and dignity of mankind because they cannot, by their very nature, reliably distinguish between combatants and civilians.

- (A) distasteful
- (B) dangerous
- (C) conservative
- (D) superficial

45. Legumes are an extremely versatile food full of important nutrients and vitamins, and may be consumed **as a substitute for** meat.

- (A) in accordance with
- (B) in terms of
- (C) in place of
- (D) in combination with

46. The dogsled was **predominantly** used by the Inuit peoples of the Canadian Arctic and Greenland for hauling heavy loads over long distances.

- (A) regularly
- (B) formerly
- (C) supposedly
- (B) principally