Chapter 8

Pre-Assessment

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Choose the answer or phrase that best answers the question.

1. The mad scientist put a human brain into a robust body. The body is
   (A) smart
   (B) strong
   (C) beautiful
   (D) admired

2. When walking in the desert, you should be most wary of
   (A) heatstroke
   (B) water
   (C) sunscreen
   (D) tumbleweed

3. Which event is pending?
   (A) World War I
   (B) cars that run on solar power cells
   (C) the invention of the lightbulb
   (D) the Great Depression

4. On a lavish date, you would be most likely to
   (A) watch a movie at home
   (B) take a long walk in a park
   (C) eat at an expensive restaurant
   (D) go bowling at midnight

5. An anonymous gift would
   (A) come from an unknown person
   (B) be unwanted
   (C) be worth a lot of money
   (D) be just what you wanted

6. An example of maternal instinct would be the urge to
   (A) run from danger
   (B) sleep when it gets dark
   (C) eat when you're hungry
   (D) take care of others

7. Which event would most likely be considered dismal?
   (A) a wedding
   (B) a climb up a mountain that gets harder and harder
   (C) the death of a pet
   (D) a trip in a submarine that goes deep under the sea

8. A heart is an emblem of
   (A) love
   (B) anger
   (C) blood
   (D) health

9. In order for something to have momentum, it must be
   (A) solid
   (B) tiny
   (C) silent
   (D) moving

10. The best reason to haggle is to
    (A) get a better price
    (B) make new friends
    (C) forget your problems
    (D) lose weight

11. Cleo was gratified to hear the news, so she
    (A) rolled her eyes and made a joke
    (B) started crying
    (C) smiled and sat back in her chair
    (D) was locked in jail for her crime

12. Which letter is adjacent to F in the alphabet?
    (A) A
    (B) G
    (C) P
    (D) Z
13. If you heard something **hilarious** on the radio, you would most likely
   (A) laugh
   (B) change the station
   (C) dance
   (D) call and complain

14. Who would most likely be **mortified**?
   (A) a dog that moved from a small apartment to a house with a big yard
   (B) a student who learned that his girlfriend was dating him only as a joke
   (C) a teacher who learned that her students had nominated her for teacher of the year
   (D) a police officer who was shot and killed in the line of duty

15. A politician who the public thought was **corrupt** would probably
   (A) have difficulty being reelected
   (B) get a lot of campaign contributions
   (C) be well respected
   (D) fight for poor people

16. Mrs. Johnson **pampered** her cat by
   (A) forcing it to stay inside all the time
   (B) changing the litter box regularly
   (C) taking it to the veterinarian when it was sick
   (D) feeding it fresh fish for every meal

17. Which kind of animal is from the same **species** as parrots?
   (A) hummingbirds
   (B) monkeys
   (C) butterflies
   (D) bats

18. We stood on the dock and **pelted** the water with rocks to
   (A) help the shark find food
   (B) guide the shark toward shore
   (C) capture the shark
   (D) frighten away the shark

Choose the SYNONYM of the vocabulary word.

19. **trivial**
   (A) strong
   (B) crucial
   (C) minor
   (D) dark

20. **poised**
   (A) confident
   (B) frightened
   (C) confused
   (D) gloomy

21. **legitimate**
   (A) complete
   (B) dead
   (C) justifiable
   (D) bright

22. **inundate**
   (A) flood
   (B) ignore
   (C) manage
   (D) disassemble

23. **upright**
   (A) wandering
   (B) furious
   (C) straight
   (D) hybrid

24. **status**
   (A) condition
   (B) sad story
   (C) nothingness
   (D) deception

25. **murky**
   (A) gloomy
   (B) clear
   (C) harmed
   (D) stolen
Choose the ANTONYM of the vocabulary word.

26. **sullen**
   (A) trusting
   (B) joyless
   (C) obvious
   (D) cheerful

27. **vicious**
   (A) astonished
   (B) kind
   (C) humble
   (D) cruel

28. **snare**
   (A) clear up
   (B) ignore
   (C) release
   (D) end

29. **counterfeit**
   (A) examine closely
   (B) genuine
   (C) to treat like an adult
   (D) increase

30. **bestow**
    (A) assist
    (B) dispute
    (C) take away
    (D) agree
Chapter 9

Post-Assessment

the word up!

PROJECT
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Final Test

Choose the answer or phrase that best answers the question.

1. The food in an authentic Chinese restaurant would
   (A) taste similar to food eaten in China
   (B) be prepared by a well-known chef
   (C) cost a lot of money
   (D) be less noticeable than the decorations

2. What kind of musical instrument does a player pluck?
   (A) a trumpet
   (B) a guitar
   (C) a harmonica
   (D) a drum

3. Which event might cause you to wince?
   (A) Tim tells you he’s been to California, but you don’t believe him.
   (B) Suddenly the sky gets cloudy, and it starts to rain.
   (C) Your plane moves faster and faster before it lifts into the sky.
   (D) Your little brother falls down and gets a nasty gash on his leg.

4. An overwhelmed baseball team would
   (A) be defeated
   (B) have experienced players
   (C) have a nice stadium
   (D) be victorious

5. If you were unscathed by a fire, you would
   (A) need a doctor
   (B) be dead
   (C) be totally fine
   (D) need a new house

6. Which sentence best demonstrates the meaning of the word fruitless?
   (A) Blair has been acting strange for the last few days; I keep seeing her talking to herself when she thinks no one is looking.
   (B) This must be my lucky day; the math test was postponed, and I found twenty dollars on the way to school!
   (C) When we were on vacation in Hawaii, we could pick bananas right from the plant in our front yard.
   (D) All Jimmy wanted for his birthday was the Screaming Banshee Playset, but when we got to the toy store, they were sold out.

7. Which of these events would occur in an abrupt way?
   (A) a date at the movies
   (B) a babysitting job
   (C) a political campaign
   (D) a car crash

8. What type of movie is usually gruesome?
   (A) romantic movies
   (B) comedies
   (C) horror movies
   (D) children’s movies

9. If your mother admonished you, she might say
   (A) “I really appreciate your taking care of my plants for me.”
   (B) “That dress looks great on you!”
   (C) “If you do that, you’re going to get in big trouble!”
   (D) “I would prefer for you to do the vacuuming rather than the dusting.”
10. Which sentence best demonstrates the meaning of the word **simultaneously**?
   (A) Ms. Keener was dressed informally when I saw her at the grocery store.
   (B) The host pulled the winning raffle tickets out of the box one at a time.
   (C) Lex Luthor, Superman’s enemy, is one of the most infamous criminals in comics.
   (D) Veronica and Karen walked in the door at the same time.

11. Which of these events would be considered a **catastrophe**?
   (A) a school dance
   (B) a nuclear war
   (C) an exciting football game
   (D) a light rainstorm

12. The **debut** episode of a TV show would be
   (A) the last episode
   (B) the first episode
   (C) the best episode
   (D) the worst episode

13. Which sentence best demonstrates the meaning of the word **customary**?
   (A) In England, many people take a tea break in the afternoon.
   (B) Ronald lives in a van that he drives from town to town.
   (C) Tiffany and Bianca were fighting over who was taller.
   (D) My sister got racing stripes painted on her car so that everyone will recognize it.

14. If you are **negligent** about chores, your bedroom is probably
   (A) large
   (B) messy
   (C) organized
   (D) spotless

15. Who would be most likely to want **vengeance**?
   (A) a race car driver who comes in first place in an important race
   (B) a trash collector who discovers money hidden in a garbage can
   (C) a bank robber who learns his partner has been stealing from him
   (D) a magician trying to learn a new trick

16. If you were **illiterate**, you could not
   (A) write an email
   (B) use a digital camera
   (C) run a marathon
   (D) draw a nice picture

17. What is a famous historical **epidemic**?
   (A) World War II
   (B) the Black Plague
   (C) the first moon landing
   (D) the Declaration of Independence

18. Which person is a **firebrand**?
   (A) a student who organizes a canned food drive with the school’s permission
   (B) a scientist who works long hours to find a cure for a deadly disease
   (C) a soccer player who is sad all of the time
   (D) a worker who goes against his employer’s wishes to organize a union

Choose the **SYNONYM** of the vocabulary word.

19. **browse**
   (A) look through
   (B) snoop
   (C) decline
   (D) snatch

20. **canine**
   (A) event
   (B) acidic fruit
   (C) dog
   (D) fantasy
21. lethal
   (A) dreary
   (B) deadly
   (C) dirty
   (D) insightful

22. subtle
   (A) gloomy
   (B) unobvious
   (C) dangerous
   (D) joyful

23. void
   (A) catastrophe
   (B) rank
   (C) lying under oath
   (D) gap

24. ensued
   (A) dripped
   (B) made a buzzing sound
   (C) followed
   (D) got in the way of

25. prowess
   (A) mastery
   (B) beginning
   (C) pinnacle
   (D) story

Choose the ANTONYM of the vocabulary word.

26. incredulous
   (A) ignoring
   (B) forgetting
   (C) believing
   (D) avoiding

27. erode
   (A) work hard
   (B) dislike
   (C) build up
   (D) bore

28. persist
   (A) quit
   (B) work
   (C) negotiate
   (D) arbitrate

29. acrid
   (A) inexpensive
   (B) showy
   (C) disapproving
   (D) sweet

30. hospitable
   (A) upset
   (B) confused
   (C) rude
   (D) cheerful