Chapter 8

Pre-Assessment

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Choose the answer or phrase that best answers the question.

1. Which place is generally the most desolate?
   (A) a city
   (B) a circus
   (C) a desert
   (D) an airplane

2. A professor’s stance is another word for her
   (A) level of education
   (B) classroom
   (C) wardrobe
   (D) feelings toward something

3. Oscar chastised Celia, probably because
   (A) Celia had done something wrong.
   (B) He was attracted to her.
   (C) She was regrettable.
   (D) She was weird.

4. A fallacy is a belief that is
   (A) certain
   (B) wrong
   (C) refreshing
   (D) held among many people

5. Which is the most capacious?
   (A) a castle
   (B) a war
   (C) a dinner party
   (D) a job at McDonald’s

6. Heath’s attendance was sporadic. He
   (A) came to class from time to time
   (B) never came to class
   (C) paid attention in class
   (D) had an impeccable attendance record

7. Which of the following most likely has a theme?
   (A) a new bike
   (B) a cracked egg
   (C) your mother
   (D) a story

8. If you look haggard, then you look
   (A) tired
   (B) hateful
   (C) very good
   (D) tiny

9. Which is likely to be the most lucrative job?
   (A) babysitter
   (B) lifeguard
   (C) doctor
   (D) janitor

10. What or whom do the police apprehend?
    (A) pastries
    (B) people who they believe have broken the law
    (C) crimes
    (D) the lawyers who pursue the case

11. My neighbor Jack was so gullible. He
    (A) was easily angered
    (B) believed everything I told him
    (C) smelled terrible
    (D) was indifferent

12. If an event is crucial, it is
    (A) not normal
    (B) very important
    (C) normal
    (D) from a certain time period

13. An avid figure skater
    (A) practices often
    (B) practices occasionally
    (C) is extremely talented
    (D) isn’t very talented

14. A pithy speech is one that
    (A) is strange
    (B) is complex and hard to understand
    (C) is full of holes
    (D) is short and to the point
15. Sydney was a food **connoisseur**. She  
   (A) disliked food  
   (B) was an expert on food  
   (C) was a cook  
   (D) liked food  

16. To **convey** your feelings is to  
   (A) hide your feelings  
   (B) be ashamed of your feelings  
   (C) discover your feelings  
   (D) tell others about your feelings  

17. What would be a big **hindrance** in class?  
   (A) a new whiteboard  
   (B) taking notes  
   (C) the desks  
   (D) a pencil that keeps breaking  

18. The meeting went **awry**. It  
   (A) ended early  
   (B) went perfectly thanks to my preparation  
   (C) turned into chaos when Bob started singing  
   (D) went on a little too long  

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

19. **ardent**  
   (A) intense  
   (B) not caring  
   (C) without any people  
   (D) funny  

20. **preposterous**  
   (A) pretty  
   (B) changed  
   (C) easily transmittable  
   (D) absurd  

21. **forfeit**  
   (A) surrender  
   (B) follow through  
   (C) argue  
   (D) make money  

Choose the **ANTONYM** of the vocabulary word.  

22. **haven**  
   (A) refuge  
   (B) standard  
   (C) feast  
   (D) autobiography  

23. **benign**  
   (A) harmless  
   (B) harmful  
   (C) skilled  
   (D) loud  

24. **onslaught**  
   (A) joke  
   (B) attack  
   (C) pile  
   (D) binge  

25. **ovation**  
   (A) applause  
   (B) entertainment  
   (C) danger  
   (D) safety  

26. **agile**  
   (A) dull  
   (B) flashy  
   (C) slow  
   (D) unbroken  

27. **plunder**  
   (A) steal  
   (B) feel  
   (C) step in and stop  
   (D) give back  

28. **atrocity**  
   (A) strange act  
   (B) possibility  
   (C) wonderful act  
   (D) containment
29. **fortify**
   (A) anger
   (B) weaken
   (C) tie up
   (D) simplify

30. **luminous**
    (A) not important
    (B) careful
    (C) dark
    (D) hot
Chapter 9

Post-Assessment

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Final Test

Choose the answer or phrase that best answers the question.

1. If you **abet** a crime, you
   (A) stop it while it’s happening
   (B) prevent it from ever happening
   (C) see it from a distance
   (D) help carry it out

2. Which scene is **serene**?
   (A) a peaceful lake and a light breeze
   (B) a dog that can’t find its way home
   (C) a man who wins the lottery
   (D) a girl eating the same breakfast every single day

3. If a restaurant is **ornate**, it is
   (A) very well reviewed
   (B) fancily decorated
   (C) expensive
   (D) hard to find

4. What or whom could you **facilitate**?
   (A) a loud sound
   (B) people who act stupidly
   (C) a smart, older person
   (D) a meeting between enemies

5. Which of the following sentences best demonstrates the meaning of the word **embark**?
   (A) Sandra wasn’t impressed with the movie at all.
   (B) Karl had to fight off the fans who wanted his autograph.
   (C) Avon set out on a journey to climb a mountain.
   (D) Kelly had a nice view of the statue.

6. You need **stamina** in order to
   (A) skydive
   (B) buy a house
   (C) run twenty miles
   (D) dodge an oncoming car

7. Which of the following sentences best demonstrates the meaning of the word **trepidation**?
   (A) Donny was always in a good mood.
   (B) Donny was scared of heights.
   (C) Donny was the most important player on the team.
   (D) Donny was different than everyone else.

8. Bob moved **gingerly**. He walked
   (A) carefully
   (B) quickly
   (C) nervously
   (D) slowly

9. She felt **sublime** standing out in the rain. She felt
   (A) terrible
   (B) amazing
   (C) stupid
   (D) weird

10. Which of the following could be considered a **decree**?
    (A) “You may not smoke in restaurants!”
    (B) French with a Haitian accent
    (C) Bob is better at singing than Frank is.
    (D) a racist bus driver
11. Which of the following sentences best demonstrates the meaning of the word *intervene*?
   (A) Allison was wearing her old hoodie to the dance.
   (B) Paula's plan would have worked out if Sara hadn't stepped in.
   (C) Matt felt blindly for the light switch.
   (D) Norman tried to steal the car.

12. Which of the following is the most *intricate*?
   (A) an unhappy worker
   (B) flying first class on a nice plane
   (C) a judge with the power to send you to jail
   (D) a set of instructions that is fifty pages long

13. Which of the following is an *analogy*?
   (A) a secret supply
   (B) the main idea of the movie was “don’t trust anyone”
   (C) love is like a drug
   (D) “I” before “E” except after “C”

14. Which of the following sentences best demonstrates the meaning of the word *amiss*?
   (A) My brother helped me build a tree house.
   (B) The test was extremely boring, but at least it wouldn't last forever.
   (C) Suddenly there was a loud explosion.
   (D) The sandwich looked great at first, but it turned out the meat was rotten.

15. Which of the following sentences best demonstrates the meaning of the word *flair*?
   (A) The mayor set up a carnival in my town.
   (B) Jill just loves seeing movies on opening night.
   (C) When it came to math, Sharee had always been skilled.
   (D) The fireworks were disappointing.

16. Which of the following sentences best demonstrates the meaning of the word *formidable*?
   (A) She ate a sandwich very quickly.
   (B) The pitcher for the other team had an impressive record.
   (C) The moon looked so clear and beautiful.
   (D) She sent her friend a message right after school.

17. Maria is an *audacious* person. She is
   (A) worthless
   (B) unusual
   (C) bold
   (D) powerful

18. A *liberal* is someone who
   (A) wants things to stay the same
   (B) wants things to change
   (C) believes the world is a good place
   (D) thinks they're better than everyone else

Choose the SYNONYM of the vocabulary word.

19. *fastidious*
   (A) possible
   (B) creative
   (C) occasional
   (D) careful

20. *disgruntled*
   (A) grumpy
   (B) strange
   (C) useless
   (D) complicated

21. *avail*
   (A) criticize
   (B) help
   (C) come to an end
   (D) lounge

22. *enigma*
   (A) movement from one to another
   (B) gold mine
   (C) theme
   (D) riddle
23. irascible
   (A) easily tricked
   (B) easily angered
   (C) knowledgeable
   (D) very skilled

24. vie
   (A) tell the truth
   (B) defend
   (C) increase
   (D) compete

25. surpass
   (A) go beyond
   (B) argue with
   (C) introduce gradually
   (D) divide into portions

Choose the ANTONYM of the vocabulary word.

26. humane
   (A) admirable
   (B) unbelievable
   (C) cruel
   (D) unknown

27. eccentric
   (A) essential
   (B) interested
   (C) awkward
   (D) normal

28. vilify
   (A) regret
   (B) compliment
   (C) rob
   (D) not listen to

29. flustered
   (A) calm
   (B) confused
   (C) causing fear
   (D) well-fed

30. languish
   (A) strengthen
   (B) leave
   (C) make more difficult
   (D) prevent