

Exercise 1:

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word or phrase that is CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined part in each of the following questions.

Question 1. He was asked to account for his presence at the scene of crime.

- A. complain B. exchange C. explain D. arrange

Question 2. The teacher gave some suggestions on what could come out for the examination.

- A. effects B. symptoms C. hints D. demonstrations

Question 3. I'll take the new job whose salary is fantastic.

- A. reasonable B. acceptable C. pretty high D. wonderful

Question 4. I could see the finish line and thought I was home and dry.

- A. hopeless B. hopeful C. successful D. unsuccessful

Question 5: Carpets from countries such as Persia and Afghanistan often fetch high prices in the United States.

- A. Artifacts B. Pottery C. Rugs D. Textiles

Question 6: Though many scientific breakthroughs have resulted from mishaps it has taken brilliant thinkers to recognize their potential.

- A. accidents B. misunderstandings C. incidentals D. misfortunes

Question 7: The shop assistant was totally bewildered by the customer's behavior.

- A. disgusted B. puzzled C. angry D. upset

Question 8: He didn't bat an eyelid when he realized he failed the exam again.

- A. wasn't happy B. didn't want to see C. didn't show surprise D. didn't care

Question 9: Ralph Nader was the most prominent leader of the U.S consumer protection movement.

- A. casual B. significant C. promiscuous D. aggressive

Question 10: Tourists today flock to see the two falls that actually constitute Niagara falls.

- A. come without knowing what they will see B. come in large numbers

C. come out of boredom

D. come by plane

Question 11: Around 150 B.C. the Greek astronomer Hipparchus developed a system to classify stars according to brightness.

- A. record B. shine C. categorize D. diversify

Question 12: She is always diplomatic when she deals with angry students.

- A. strict B. outspoken C. firm D. tactful

Question 13: Roget's Thesaurus, a collection of English words and phrases, was originally arranged by the ideas they express rather than by alphabetical order.

- A. restricted B. as well as C. unless D. instead of

Question 14: With the dawn of space exploration, the notion that atmospheric conditions on Earth may be unique in the solar system was strengthened.

- A. outcome B. continuation C. beginning D. expansion

Question 15: Let's wait here for her; I'm sure she'll turn up before long.

- A. arrive B. return C. enter D. visit

Question 16: This tapestry has a very complicated pattern.

- A. obsolete B. intricate C. ultimate D. appropriate

Question 17: During the Great Depression, there were many wanderers who traveled on the railroads and camped along the tracks.

- A. veterans B. tyros C. vagabonds D. zealots

Question 18: We decided to pay for the furniture on the installment plan.

- A. monthly payment B. cash and carry C. credit card D. piece by piece

Question 19: The last week of classes is always very busy because students are taking examinations, making applications to the University, and extending their visas.

- A. hectic B. eccentric C. fanatic D. prolific

Question 20: The drought was finally over as the fall brought in some welcome rain.

- A. heatware B. harvest C. summer D. aridity

Question 21: When their rent increased from 200 to 400 a month, they protested against such a tremendous increase.

- A. light B. huge C. tiring D. difficult

Question 22: In 1952, Akihito was officially proclaimed heir to the Japanese throne.

- A. installed B. declared C. denounced D. advised

Question 23: The augmentation in the population has created a fuel shortage.

- A. increase B. necessity C. demand D. decrease

Question 24: If we had taken his sage advice, we wouldn't be in so much trouble now.

- A. willing B. sturdy C. wise D. eager

Question 25: A mediocre student who gets low grades will have trouble getting into an Ivy League college.

- A. average B. lazy C. moronic D. diligent

Question 26: The politician's conviction for tax fraud jeopardized his future in public life.

- A. rejuvenated B. penalized C. jettisoned D. endangered

Question 27: This is the instance where big, obvious non-verbal signals are appropriate. **A. B. C. D. matter**

- A. situation B. attention C. place D. matter

Question 28: He had never experienced such discourtesy towards the president as it occurred at the annual meeting in May.

- A. politeness B. rudeness C. encouragement D. measurement

Question 29: Parents interpret facial and vocal expressions as indicators of how a baby is feeling.

- A. translate B. understand C. read D. comprehend

Question 30: He didn't bat an eye when he realized he failed the exam again.

- A. didn't show surprise B. didn't want to see C. didn't care D. wasn't happy

Question 31: The notice should be put in the most conspicuous place so that all the students can be well-informed.

- A. popular B. suspicious C. easily seen D. beautiful

Question 32: I think we have solved this problem once and for all.

- A. forever B. for goods C. temporarily D. in the end

Question 33: I'm a bit wary of giving people my address when I don't know them very well.

- A. cautious B. upset C. willing D. capable

Question 34: I received housing benefit when I was unemployed.

- A. out of work B. out of fashion C. out of order D. out of practice

Question 35: How many countries took part in the last SEA Games.

- A. succeeded B. hosted C. participated D. performed

Question 36. When people are angry, they seldom act in a rational way.

- A. polite B. friendly C. reasonable D. considerate

Question 37. Punctuality is imperative in your new job.

- A. Being efficient B. Being courteous C. Being on time D. Being cheerful

Question 38. If petrol price go up any more, I shall have to use a bicycle.

- A. ascend B. develop C. increase D. raise

Question 39. There were so many members of the political party who had gone against the leader that he resigned.

- A. invited B. opposed C. insisted D. apposed

Question 40. I didn't go to work this morning. I stayed at home because of the morning rain.

- A. on account of B. in addition to C. in spite of D. thanks to

Question 41. My elder brother failed his final exam, which depressed my parents

- A. encouraged B. satisfied C. disappointed D. pleased

Question 42. I came to John's party last night but I stayed there for a while before I left.

- A. for relaxation B. for a whole night C. a long period of time D. for a short period of time

Question 43. She was a devoted teacher. She spent most of her time teaching and taking care of her students.

- A. intelligent B. dedicated C. polite D. honest

Question 44. You can withdraw money from the account at any time without penalty.

- A. punishment B. offense C. demand D. loss

Question 45: Children normally feel a lot of anxiety about their first day at school.

- A. agitation B. tranquility C. composure D. contentment

Question 46: "What I've got to say to you now is strictly off the record and most certainly not for publication," said the government official to the reporter.

- A. not yet official B. beside the point C. not recorded D. not popular

Question 47: I take my hat off to all those people who worked hard to get the contract.

- A. encourage B. congratulate C. respect D. welcome

Question 48: I like the speedy and secure service".

- A. careless B. rapid C. slow D. careful

Question 49: The transition from school to work doesn't happen smoothly to everybody.

- A. without difficulties B. full of troubles C. with problems D. plenty of challenges

Question 50: The world's population keeps increasing during the past few years.

- A. going on B. going up C. going off D. going down

Question 51: The aim of the competition is to stimulate the spirit of studying English among students.

- A. excitement B. purpose C. sponsor D. result

Question 52: He can't make up his mind whether he should phone her or not.

- A. decide B. wonder C. know D. recognize

Exercise 2:

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word or phrase that is OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined part in each of the following questions.

Question 1: Because Jack defaulted on his loan, the bank took him to court.

- A. failed to pay B. paid in full C. had a bad personality D. was paid much money

Question 2: His career in the illicit drug trade ended with the police raid this morning.

- A. elicited B. irregular C. secret D. legal

Question 4: The government is not prepared to tolerate this situation any longer.

- A. look down on B. put up with C. take away from D. give on to

Question 5: I clearly remember talking to him in a chance meeting last summer.

- A. unplanned B. deliberate C. accidental D. unintentional

Question 6: The International Organizations are going to be in a temporary way in the country.

- A. soak B. permanent C. complicated D. guess

Question 7: The US troops are using much more sophisticated weapons in the Far East.

- A. expensive B. complicated C. simple and easy to use D. difficult to operate

Question 8: In remote communities, it's important to replenish stocks before the winter sets in.

- A. remake B. empty C. refill D. repeat

Question 9: There has been no discernible improvement in the noise levels since lorries were banned.

- A. clear B. obvious C. thin D. insignificant

Question 10: She had a cozy little apartment in Boston.

- A. uncomfortable B. warm C. lazy D. dirty

Question 11: He was so insubordinate that he lost his job within a week.

- A. fresh B. disobedient C. obedient D. understanding

Question 12: There is growing concern about the way man has destroyed the environment.

- A. ease B. attraction C. consideration D. speculation

Question 13: Fruit and vegetables grew in abundance on the island. The islanders even exported the surplus.

- A. large quantity B. small quantity C. excess D. sufficiency

Question 14: During the five- decade history the Asian Games have been advancing in all aspects.

- A. holding at B. holding back C. holding to D. holding by

Question 15: The distinction between schooling and education implied by this remark is important.

- A. explicit B. implicit C. obscure D. odd

Question 16: A chronic lack of sleep may make us irritable and reduces our motivation to work.

- A. uncomfortable B. responsive C. calm D. miserable

Question 17: Population growth rates vary among regions and even among countries within the same region.

- A. restrain B. stay unchanged C. remain unstable D. fluctuate

Question 18: Unless the two signatures are identical, the bank won't honor the check.

- A. similar B. different C. fake D. genuine

Question 19: Strongly advocating health foods, Jane doesn't eat any chocolate.

- A. supporting B. impugning C. advising D. denying

Question 20: He decided not to buy the fake watch and wait until he had more money.

A. authentic B. forger C. faulty D. original

Question 21: Her father likes the head cabbage rare.

A. over-boiled B. precious C. scarce D. scare

Question 22. Their classmates are writing letters of acceptance.

A. confirmation B. agree C. refusal D. admission

Question 23. She decided to remain celibate and devote her life to helping the homeless and orphans.

A. divorced B. single C. separated D. married

Question 24. She performed all her duties conscientiously. She didn't give enough care to her work

A. insensitively B. irresponsibly C. liberally D. responsibly

Question 25. Scientists proof that choosing a career for money will make you less efficient, happy and more selfish.

A. effective B. ineffective C. capable D. proficient

Question 26. A surprising percentage of the population in remote areas is illiterate.

A. able to speak fluently B. unable to speak fluently
C. unable to read and write D. able to read and write

Question 27: It was apparent from her face that she was really upset.

A. obvious B. indistinct C. transparent D. evident

Question 28: My cousin tends to look on the bright side in any circumstance.

A. be optimistic B. be pessimistic C. be confident D. be smart

Question 29: Last Saturday the representatives of three classes of my school took part in the annual final English Competition organized by our English teachers.

A. soon B. first C. early D. second

Question 30: It took 1750 years for the world population to reach 625 million.

A. run back B. go back C. come back D. hold back

Question 31: I'm sorry I can't come out this weekend – I'm up to my ears in work.

A. very busy B. very bored C. very scared D. very idle

Question 32: He admitted breaking his mother's vase.

A. agreed B. regretted C. denied D. confessed