

SYNONYMS AND ANTONYMS

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

- 1: He was asked to **account for** his presence at the scene of crime.
A. complain B. exchange C. explain D. arrange
2. The teacher gave some **suggestions** on what could come out for the examination.
A. effects B. symptoms C. hints D. demonstrations
3. I'll take the new job whose salary is **fantastic**.
A. reasonable B. acceptable C. pretty high D. wonderful
4. I could see the finish line and thought I was **home and dry**.
A. hopeless B. hopeful C. successful D. unsuccessful
5. 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
6. **Carpets** from countries such as Persia and Afghanistan often fetch high prices in the United States.
A. Artifacts B. Pottery C. Rugs D. Textiles
7. 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
8. The shop assistant was totally **bewildered** by the customer's behavior.
A. disgusted B. puzzled C. angry D. upset
9. Ralph Nader was the most **prominent** leader of the U.S consumer protection movement.
A. casual B. significant C. promiscuous D. aggressive
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
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
12. She is always **diplomatic** when she deals with angry students.
A. strict B. outspoken C. firm D. tactful
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
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
15. Let's wait here for her; I'm sure she'll **turn up** before long.
A. arrive B. return C. enter D. visit
16. This tapestry has a very **complicated** pattern.
A. obsolete B. intricate C. ultimate D. appropriate
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
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
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
20. The **drought** was finally over as the fall brought in some welcome rain.
A. heatware B. harvest C. summer D. aridity
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
22. In 1952, Akihito was officially **proclaimed** heir to the Japanese throne.
A. installed B. declared C. denounced D. advised

23. The **augmentation** in the population has created a fuel shortage.
 A. increase B. necessity C. demand D. decrease
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
25. The politician's conviction for tax fraud **jeopardized** his future in public life.
 A. rejuvenated B. penalized C. jettisoned D. endangered

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word (s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

1. The International Organizations are going to be in a **temporary** way in the country.
 A. soak B. permanent C. complicated D. guess
2. 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
3. In remote communities, it's important to **replenish** stocks before the winter sets in.
 A. remake B. empty C. refill D. repeat
4. 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
5. His career in the **illicit** drug trade ended with the police raid this morning .
 A. elicited B. irregular C. secret D. legal
6. 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
7. I clearly remember talking to him in **a chance** meeting last summer.
 A. unplanned B. deliberate C. accidental D. unintentional
8. There has been no **discernible** improvement in the noise levels since lorries were banned.
 A. clear B. obvious C. thin D. insignificant
9. She had a **cozy** little apartment in Boston.
 A. uncomfortable B. warm C. lazy D. dirty
10. He was so **insubordinate** that he lost his job within a week.
 A. fresh B. disobedient C. obedient D. understanding
11. There is growing **concern** about the way man has destroyed the environment.
 A. ease B. attraction C. consideration D. speculation
12. 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
13. 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
14. The distinction between schooling and education **implied** by this remark is important.
 A. explicit B. implicit C. obscure D. odd
15. Unless the two signatures are **identical**, the bank won't honor the check.
 A. similar B. different C. fake D. genuine
16. As a **sociable** boy, Jack enjoys spending his free time going out with friends.
 A. mischievous B. outgoing C. caring D. shy
17. It's not a pleasant feeling to discover you've been **taken for a ride** by a close friend.
 A. driven away B. deceived deliberately
 C. given a lift D. treated with sincerity
18. Today students are under a lot of **pressure** due to the high expectations from their parents and teachers.
 A. nervousness B. emotion C. stress D. relaxation
19. Don't tell Jane anything about the surprise party for Jack. She **has got a big mouth**.
 A. can't eat a lot B. hates parties C. talks too much D. can keep secrets
20. Many people left early because the film was **uninteresting**.
 A. exciting B. informative C. attractive D. boring
21. I'm sure he will **be home and dry** in the interview because he has good qualifications and wide experience
 A. be successful B. be satisfied C. be unsuccessful D. be unsatisfied
22. Many people feel **nervous** when they first make a speech in public.
 A. impressed B. fearful C. confident D. upset
23. Tim and Tom look **similar** although they are not brothers.
 A. different B. alike C. familiar D. strange
24. There weren't many **tough** questions in the exam, so I could answer most of them.
 A. simple B. difficult C. important D. interesting
25. If you are **at a loose end** tomorrow, why don't we spend the day sunbathing and relaxing on the beach?
 A. having a lot to do B. having nothing to do
 C. having nothing to lose D. having a lot to gain

