## Answers

- 1. b. remote means faraway, or distant
- 2. b. to detest means to feel intense or violent dislike, or to hate
- 3. c. gracious means to be pleasant or considerate in social interactions
- **4.** a. to predict means to declare in advance or to **foretell**
- **5.** d. kin means people with common ancestors, or **relatives**
- 6. c. pensive means moodily or dreamily thoughtful
- 7. a. to banish means to drive out from home or country, or to exile
- 8. c. a fraud is someone who is not what he or she pretends to be, or an imposter
- **9.** b. saccharine means overly **sweet**
- **10.** d. to drag is to pull, or to cause movement in a direction with applied force
- 11. b. jovial means good humored or merry
- 12. a. to be indifferent is to be marked by impartiality or to be neutral
- **13.** b. to simulate is to assume the outward appearance of, or to **imitate**
- **14.** c. charisma is magnetic charm or appeal
- **15.** a. to apportion is to divide and share out
- **16.** a. generic means having the characteristic of a whole group, or **general**
- 17. d. a qualm is a feeling of uneasiness about a moral issue, or a scruple
- 18. d. wary means to be attentive especially to danger, or to be cautious
- **19.** c. to distort means to twist out of a normal state, or to **deform**
- 20. d. sumptuous means excessively costly, rich, or luxurious
- 21. a. one meaning of reel is to move round and round, or to whirl
- 22. b. inscrutable means not easily interpreted or understood, or mysterious
- **23.** c. to appall is to overcome with shock, or to dismay
- **24.** a. upright can mean either **honorable** or vertical; horizontal and supine are both antonyms of upright
- **25.** c. a reverie means the state of being lost in thought, or a daydream
- **26.** c. loot means goods seized in war, or **spoils**
- **27.** a. loquacious means excessively talkative, or garrulous
- **28.** c. a chimera is a fabrication of the mind, or an illusion
- 29. a. temerity means unreasonable contempt for danger or recklessness, or audacity
- **30.** b. to educe means to develop something potential or latent; to **elicit** means to draw out something hidden or latent
- **31.** a. a nabob is a person of great wealth or importance, or a bigwig
- **32.** b. to pall can mean to deprive of pleasure in something by satiating
- **33.** d. sacrosanct means the most sacred, or holy
- **34.** d. louche means not reputable, or indecent
- **35.** c. stentorian means loud and is usually used to imply a voice of great power and range

## Exercise 2 Answers

- **36.** c. to withdraw means to remove or retreat; to advance is the opposite of retreat
- **37.** d. secret means hidden or covert; **overt** means open to view
- **38.** b. heartfelt means expressing genuine feeling, or sincere, so **insincere** is its opposite
- **39.** b. impartial means to be without prejudice or bias, therefore biased is the opposite
- **40.** b. luminous means radiating or reflecting light, or glowing; **dim** means dark or dull
- **41. d.** awe means a sense of deep respect or veneration; **contempt** means a lack of respect, or disdain
- **42. b.** a pit is a hole and a **peak** is the top of a hill or mountain
- **43.** c. rotund means rounded or plump, therefore thin is the opposite
- **44.** d. a talent is a special creative or artistic ability, therefore **inability** is the opposite
- **45.** a. common means ordinary or familiar; strange means unfamiliar
- **46.** a. brazen means to be defiant or insolent; bashful means to be shy or timid
- **47.** c. to expect is to wait for or to look forward to; to despair is to lose all hope
- **48.** c. malodorous means to have a bad smell; fragrant means smelling sweet or delicate
- **49.** b. to expound means to explain; to **confuse**, or confound, is the opposite of expound
- **50.** d. to pique means to excite or irritate; to **soothe** means to calm
- **51.** b. to abate means to reduce in degree or intensity; to **augment** means to increase
- **52. c.** dearth means an inadequate supply or lack of something; **abundance** means an ample quantity, or wealth
- **53.** d. to be peaked is to appear pale or wan; to be **ruddy** is to have a healthy, red complexion
- **54.** b. to abridge means to shorten and to **extend** means to lengthen
- **55.** a. to kindle means to start burning or ignite; to **smother** means to stifle or suppress
- **56. d.** meager means lacking in quality or quantity; **copious** means present in large quantity, or abundant
- **57. b.** philistine is used disparagingly to describe a person guided by material rather than intellectual values; an **intellectual** is a person who engages in creative use of his or her intellect
- **58.** a. zenith means the highest point or the apex; **nadir** means the lowest point
- **59.** a. germane means to be appropriate or relevant, therefore **irrelevant** is the opposite
- **60.** b. irascible means easily angered; placid means calm or serene
- **61. b.** to approbate means to approve or sanction; to **condemn** means to declare wrong or to convict
- **62. d.** supercilious means coolly or patronizingly haughty; **meek** means enduring injury with patience and without resentment
- **63. a.** improvident means lacking prudent foresight, or careless; **cautious** means to be wary or to exercise forethought
- **64. a.** to demur means to delay or hesitate; to **embrace** means to accept readily or gladly; demure means cov
- **65.** c. fatuous means inanely foolish; sensible is its nearest opposite
- **66.** b. quiescent means marked by inactivity or repose, therefore active is the opposite
- **67.** a. sartorial means of or relating to tailored clothes; homespun means homemade

- **68. c.** sapient means possessing great wisdom, or sage; one meaning of **simple** is deficient in intelligence
- **69. b.** matutinal means of or relating to the morning; **crepuscular** means relating to or resembling twilight
- **70.** a. impecunious means having little or no money, therefore **wealthy** is the opposite