

To complete each item, choose the best word or phrase from among the four choices. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and mark your answer.

- (1) A: Do you know what Oliver is doing now? Does he still work for another company?  
B: After retiring from management position, he decided to ( ) himself at a mountain temple.
- 1 seclude      2 preclude      3 delude      4 elude
- (2) After achieving the lofty goal in the previous quarter, Keiko realized that it was the ( ) of her entire career.
- 1 predicament      2 clamor      3 plight      4 pinnacle
- (3) Farmers used a life-size model as a ( ) to protect herds of sheep from attacks by wild bears.
- 1 decree      2 decoy      3 decorum      4 decadence
- (4) Some participants at the party were not satisfied with the ( ) meals. In fact, most of the dishes didn't have much taste.
- 1 bland      2 tepid      3 insidious      4 soggy
- (5) The CEO of the company was always scolding the employees because of the slump in sales. However, his ( ) made all of them demotivated.
- 1 zenith      2 blot      3 scour      4 wrath
- (6) Although the plenary session was supposed to end in one hour, it ( ) for several hours and ended inconclusively.
- 1 ambled      2 meandered      3 waived      4 peddled
- (7) A: Kyle seems to be so busy that he canceled an important meeting just before it was due.  
B: Yes, he has been ( ) a lot of tasks lately. We need to help him reduce his workload.
- 1 laundering      2 abating      3 mitigating      4 procrastinating

- (8) Karen worked hard to pass the entrance exam and expected to get in. However, she didn't receive an acceptance letter from the university, which was a ( ) experience for her.
- 1 painstaking    2 humiliating    3 sparing    4 impending
- (9) Carol has no time to tidy the room. When he leaves in the morning, he often ( ) his messy room for his house key.
- 1 sequesters    2 suffocates    3 scrawls    4 scrabbles
- (10) Saskia got a ( ) on her foot from the new shoes and was unable to go for walks as usual.
- 1 blister    2 coma    3 bladder    4 concussion
- (11) Eventually the police decided to arrest the man for ( ). The decision was based on strong evidence that he had stolen the bike during the night.
- 1 jurisdiction    2 homicide    3 larceny    4 bail
- (12) Even now, many children in the developing country are on the brink of starvation. The government is struggling to get more aid from overseas in order to tackle the ( ) poverty.
- 1 abject    2 candid    3 expedient    4 frenetic
- (13) Kevin's father was successful in his IT business and in investing in a number of ventures. Despite his huge fortune from this success, he continued to live a ( ) lifestyle.
- 1 posh    2 thrifty    3 opulent    4 deficient
- (14) A: I think your grandfather needs more help. I saw him ( ) down the stairs yesterday.  
B: Thank you for your advice. I am aware of his physical decline, but I have realized that I need to pay more attention to him.
- 1 grouse    2 huddle    3 totter    4 glean

- (15) The new discovery is highly valued in the medical field because it is likely to cure ( ) diseases such as cancer in the near future.
- 1 affable      2 impeccable      3 palatable      4 intractable
- (16) Brett continued to listen ( ) as his subordinates told him about their critical errors. They understood that his emotionless face expressed his anger.
- 1 impassively      2 distractedly      3 seamlessly      4 inadvertently
- (17) The company is trying to introduce a new rule concerning its employees' side job. They believe that such changes are necessary in order to recruit new employees and to ( ) serious staff shortages.
- 1 allude      2 alleviate      3 allocate      4 appall
- (18) The property specialist warned investors that they should avoid buying homes near ( ) areas. This is because they could be affected by tsunami or flooding in the event of a major earthquake.
- 1 collateral      2 altercation      3 inundation      4 configuration
- (19) Peter always pays ( ) attention to his surroundings. Not only his desk at the office but also his private car are clean every day.
- 1 venerable      2 meticulous      3 ambivalent      4 simultaneous
- (20) The software company announced that a critical bug had been discovered today. Soon after the announcement, many global customers asked the company to ( ) the release of the fix given the huge impact of the bug.
- 1 drizzle      2 dwindle      3 impede      4 expedite
- (21) Before the work began, road workers made a ( ) to avoid disrupting traffic and keep traffic flowing.
- 1 stalwart      2 detour      3 proxy      4 lesion

(22) As the train became crowded, a woman asked the sleeping man to ( ) to make room for more people.

- 1 boil over      2 fawn over      3 scoot over      4 keel over

(23) The professor was asked to ( ) the explanations in the handouts he distributed in the class because most of the students could not understand what he was explaining.

- 1 dumb down      2 pare down      3 whittle down      4 dash down

(24) A: Before you go to the party, you should do some preparation.

B: Yes, I need to be ( ) luxuriously because it might be a good chance to meet someone nice.

- 1 forked over      2 fired up      3 delved into      4 decked out

(25) A hotel employee ( ) the police about the criminal after discovering that the customer was a wanted person. As a result, his judgement contributed to his arrest.

- 1 won over      2 tipped off      3 chimed in      4 talked down