

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 happened to the foreign workers after the factory closed?
B: Yes, most of them were () to their home countries after the closure. The company arranged their travel and made sure they arrived home safely.
- 1 repatriated 2 bombarded 3 parched 4 admonished
- (2) The manager's () criticism toward the team's recent performance, delivered during the staff meeting, left many feeling demoralized and questioning their contributions to the project.
- 1 overt 2 succinct 3 disperate 4 viable
- (3) Sheila's () of the classic song was both unique and moving, capturing the essence of the original while infusing it with her own style and emotion.
- 1 eulogy 2 foray 3 dictum 4 rendition
- (4) The CEO publicly apologized for the () behavior of some of the company's representatives at the conference and promised immediate action and a review of company policies.
- 1 outright 2 prophetic 3 numb 4 abominable
- (5) A: I'm really nervous about this leadership role. I've never managed such a large team before.
B: Just remember, your work ethic and dedication have always been (). I'm confident you'll inspire the team and lead them effectively.
- 1 superfluous 2 bleak 3 paternal 4 exemplary
- (6) The novelist's latest book received mixed reviews from critics, but at the book signing event, she was met with () from her loyal fans, who were eager to get their copies signed.
- 1 avarice 2 adulation 3 animosity 4 aberration
- (7) A: I've been trying for weeks to get the perfect shot of this () bird, but it's so fast and always seems to fly away.
B: Patience is the key to wildlife photography. Keep trying and I'm sure you'll get your shot soon!
- 1 abridged 2 elusive 3 insipid 4 peevisish

- (8) The teacher calmly explained the new math concept to the class, using various examples to clarify the complex topic. Despite her best efforts, some students remained (), frustrated by the challenge and unwilling to engage in the lesson.
- 1 malignant 2 petulant 3 mundane 4 reclusive
- (9) During the debate, one candidate tried to () that his opponent lacked the necessary experience, using subtle remarks and implications rather than direct accusations.
- 1 exhale 2 cringe 3 procure 4 insinuate
- (10) As the election season heated up, numerous candidates announced their plans to run for office. The () mayor prepared for a tough campaign, knowing he would face stiff competition.
- 1 banal 2 incumbent 3 unruly 4 arbitrary
- (11) The mischievous puppy playfully () the water bowl, causing a small flood that splashed water all over the kitchen floor and nearby walls.
- 1 stunted 2 upended 3 bolstered 4 congregated
- (12) The word "home" carries () of warmth, security, and comfort far beyond its literal meaning as a physical dwelling.
- 1 overtures 2 gratuities 3 referendums 4 connotations
- (13) During the interview, the candidate dodged direct questions and used () to subtly discredit his opponents. The audience, however, seemed more interested in clear, straightforward answers.
- 1 innuendo 2 impetus 3 inscription 4 impasse
- (14) A: Did you notice anything unusual on the night of the break-in?
B: Yes, I saw a figure moving () in the shadows near the back entrance. It looked like they were trying to avoid being seen.
- 1 notoriously 2 erratically 3 altruistically 4 furtively

- (15) The detective examined the note left at the crime scene. It contained a hastily () message that provided a crucial clue to the perpetrator's identity.
- 1 pulverized 2 heeded 3 smote 4 scrawled
- (16) After a long day of hiking, the group finally set up camp near the tranquil lake. To everyone's delight, one of the members, a skilled cook, began to () them with a feast of freshly grilled fish and hearty vegetables.
- 1 flinch 2 shroud 3 pledge 4 regale
- (17) Driving under the influence is not only dangerous, but it's also a () that can result in serious legal consequences, including jail time and substantial fines.
- 1 massacre 2 proxy 3 felony 4 blunder
- (18) The company's CEO held a town hall meeting to () employees' concerns about the pending merger, reassuring them that their jobs were safe and that the change would bring opportunities for growth.
- 1 harry 2 allay 3 levy 4 bode
- (19) The subway was unusually crowded this morning, with each car packed to the brim with commuters. Inside, passengers were crammed together and () back and forth.
- 1 tarnished 2 oppressed 3 whined 4 jostled
- (20) A: I can't believe how quickly Jenny has moved up in the company. She's now in the position I always wanted.
B: It's natural to feel a little jealous, but remember that () someone else's success won't help you. Focus on your own goals and how to achieve them.
- 1 coaxing 2 cajoling 3 clumping 4 coveting
- (21) The team's performance in the last game was (), with numerous errors and a lack of coordination leading to a disappointing defeat.
- 1 abysmal 2 lithe 3 hefty 4 incessant

- (22) The detective spent hours reviewing the evidence, trying to () the events of that night to understand how the crime was committed.
- 1 fall flat 2 fawn over 3 blare out 4 piece together
- (23) In the home party, the kitchen was filled with warmth, laughter, and constant chatter as everyone happily took turns () delicious homemade food.
- 1 dishing out 2 grating on 3 easing out 4 tapping into
- (24) A: I've noticed that our new marketing strategy isn't working as well as we expected.
B: It started strong, but it seems to be (). Maybe we need to reassess our approach and create more engaging content.
- 1 shrugging off 2 chipping in 3 mulling over 4 petering out
- (25) During the heated argument, the tension in the room escalated until a sudden loud noise shocked everyone into silence. It turned out that someone had lost his temper and () the desk.
- 1 pored over 2 bashed in 3 wiped out 4 pared down